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**Corporal Dennis E Engelhard**

November 24, 1960 to December 25, 2009

# From the Staff ...

Lt. Col. Richard L. Coffey  
Assistant Superintendent



Christmas Day has long been regarded as one of the most joyous days of the year. It is a time when religious traditions celebrate the birth of Christ; when excited children arise uncharacteristically early to look under the tree to learn whether Santa has delivered that most desired toy or present; and when families gather to share a wonderful meal. On Christmas Day, virtually all businesses are closed and most long distance travelers have already arrived at their destinations. For these reasons, troopers scheduled to work on Christmas Day often find it to be a relatively quiet and uneventful tour of duty.

Mother Nature had other plans for Christmas Day 2009. Several inches of snow fell in the western portions of the state, and precipitation, followed by rapidly falling temperatures, left many roadways across the state in extremely hazardous conditions. In many areas, our troopers found themselves literally going from one traffic crash to the next, and assisting numerous motorists whose vehicles had slid off the roadways. Then, at approximately 10:43 a.m., the joyous day turned tragic when an out of control vehicle skidded across an interstate highway and struck one of our troopers who was working a previous crash.

Corporal Dennis E. Engelhard, Troop C, had been working a relatively minor accident on Interstate 44 near Eureka, MO. Work there was nearly finished, and he was standing near the rear of his patrol car when the approaching SUV began skidding out of control on the slick pavement. The SUV struck Dennis, and it was readily apparent he suffered critical injuries. He was transported quickly to a hospital; however, what followed was the most emotionally devastating telephone call the superintendent can receive. Corporal Dennis E. Engelhard had succumbed to his injuries, and had become the 28th member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to die in the line of duty.

Mere words cannot sufficiently convey the depth of sympathy all of us feel for Dennis' family, friends, and co-workers. Undoubtedly, the joy of every future Christmas Day will be tempered by the memory of what occurred in 2009. Ours is a dangerous profession, even when every appropriate safety precaution is taken. Life-changing events can occur in the blink of an eye, even under seemingly controlled circumstances. Please be careful out there and get home safely after your shift.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Coffey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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## How OTHERS SEE Us ...

On November 6, 2009, a seven-day jury trial started in Dekalb County, MO, involving a seven-year-old girl who was brutally raped by her mother's boyfriend. I was the bailiff during the entire trial and witnessed numerous law enforcement agencies testify, along with doctors, other state department witnesses, and civilian witnesses. Sgt. Douglas P. Little was the first Patrol employee to testify. Sgt. Little's demeanor, appearance, and answers were very professional.

Criminalist Supervisor William A. Randall from the Patrol's Crime Laboratory Division testified next for about 30 minutes about blood and evidence. He was straight to the point, not letting the defense attorneys give any ammo to the jury.

Last was Criminalist III Ruth A. Montgomery, the "queen of the show". This lady was amazing. In all of her testimony, she constantly referred to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, not "we do this" or "I do that". Instead, the "Missouri State Highway Patrol" does this or "We at the Missouri State Highway Patrol" do that. Criminalist Montgomery had the full attention of the entire jury during her 3 1/2 hour testimony with all jurors sitting on the edge of their seats. She was extremely thorough in all of her answers with easily understood answers the common layman could relate to. The defense viciously attacked her on all testimony. However, she sat there unnerved and came back with damaging explanations. Her testimony about the semen and blood and the odds of it being the defendant's literally closed the case. She gave very damaging testimony.

The defendant was convicted on all five counts and received the maximum sentence in this case. The case had been referred to as the most brutal rape the four doctors had seen in their careers.

We so often do not give these employees any credit, as they are the unknown heroes. I would like to state that these three employees truly represented the Patrol in mannerisms, appearance, demeanor, and professional testimony in a way that literally blew all other witnesses back to the Stone Age. As far as I'm concerned, Criminalist Montgomery should be nominated for the "Employee of the Year" award. Seeing the testimonies of these three Patrol personnel and hearing others in the courtroom comment about them makes one proud to have been a member of the organization.

*Retired Sgt. David Eads*



# 7th Annual Toy Drive Brightens Holidays, Honors Tpr. Michael L. Newton

By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A

Troop A held its 7th Annual Trooper Michael L. Newton Memorial Toy Drive from November 16 through December 18, 2009. The toy drive was a cooperative effort between the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Kansas Highway Patrol, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, and the citizens we serve. The toy drive was designed to help children whose medical condition required them to spend the Christmas holiday season at the Kansas University Children's Center and the Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City.

Representatives of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Kansas Highway Patrol personally delivered approximately \$4,000 in toys to the kids. Sergeant Christopher L. "Chip" Drenon accepted a \$1,000 donation from the Missouri River Valley Citizens Advisory Board in memory of Tpr. Newton and Odessa, MO, firefighter Roger Vorwark. The funds were then given to the Ronald McDonald House to provide assistance for families in need. Troop A Chapter of the Missouri State Troopers Association donated 288 MSHP bears to the toy drive--enough that each child at the hospital received one!



*This group delivered presents at the KU Medical Center.*

The following Missouri State Highway Patrol personnel volunteered and participated in the toy drive at the Kansas University Children's Center and the Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City:

DE Supervisor Valerie J. Becker, Driver Examiner III Pamela C. Ford, Comm. Oper. II Jessica R. Dillon, Comm. Oper. II Katie P. York, Troopers Ryan A. Wood, Gregory K. Tesch, Geofrey L. Billings, and

Mindy M. Lambeth, Sergeants Douglas, J. "D.J." Hedrick and Christopher L. "Chip" Drenon, and Corporal William W. "Bill" Lowe. I would also like to thank Chief Driver Examiner L. Jill Galate, Chief Telecommunications Engineer Dennis M. McCar-

*The presents surprised and delighted the children.*

thy, Sergeant David L. Schwalm, and Sergeant Dale O. Jinkens for their support of personnel for the toy deliveries.

Many lives were touched by the generous donations and the visits. The toy drive is an excellent way for Missouri and Kansas to partner for a great cause while remembering the life of Trooper Michael L. Newton. (K.O.D. May 22, 2003)



*Tpr. Ryan Wood introduces himself to a baby's mother before delivering several gifts with the help of Tpr. Mindy Lambeth.*

# GHQ Donation Aids Samaritan Center



*These GHQ employees represent the various divisions taking part in the food drive for the Samaritan Center.*

Generosity was part of the holiday season at General Headquarters, boxes were placed in every division for food donations. Collections were made over a couple of weeks and then deliv-

ered to the Samaritan Center in Jefferson City, on December 11, 2009. (The Samaritan Center is an interfaith social service agency organized to meet emergency or crisis needs of the people in the Mid-Missouri area which are

not already being met through state and federal or other nonprofit programs.) It took four pickup trucks to transport the almost 3,000 pounds of food to the donation site.

## The True Meaning Of A Troop B Christmas

**By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B**

Over the past several years, Troop B employees have tried to spread Christmas cheer by selecting a special Troop B area family or families. The main goal of the "adopted family tradition" is to enable a family or families to enjoy the Christmas holiday when they might not otherwise do so. After the last holiday season, Troop B employees decided to select a family or families from one zone area each year, rotating to other zones in upcoming years. This year, Zone 5 officers (Adair and Schuyler counties) were given the honor of selecting a family in their area. After much consideration, two single parent families--including a total of 10 children--were selected.

The Troop B clerical staff worked very hard by holding three fundraisers--a bake sale, hamburger/hotdog cookout, and a soup luncheon. The money received through fundraising efforts and generous donations allowed them to purchase needed food items, clothing, and last, but not least, TOYS for the children. The gifts were carefully wrapped and a few days be-

fore Christmas, the special deliveries were made to the two families by local zone officers and other Troop B employees. Although everyone enjoyed the process, the true gift is seeing the eyes of the children light up, and knowing you have had an impact on others' lives ... not only for this holiday, but for years to come.



*These food items were part of Santa's delivery from Troop B employees.*



*(back, standing l to r) Cpl. Brent A. Mason, Tpr. Cary F. Porter, (middle, l to r) Sgt. Steve V. Wilhoit (Q/DDCC), Tpr. Amanda Newbrough, Tena M. Von Thun, Ronda Shoush, (front) Santa (aka Lt. Michael W. "Mike" Platte, Q/DDCC), Anita, Ethan, and Skyler.*



# Troop H Supports Special Program

**By Sgt. Sheldon A. Lyon, Troop H**

Christmas Toys for Girls and Boys is a program that I have helped with for the past nine years. This year, it reached 1,100 children in the greater St. Joseph and surrounding areas. The program was started by retired Marine Colonel Ernie McMillan, and now is run by the Host Lions Club of St. Joseph. Many people come together to make this program a success. In 2009, Troop H made the program their Christmas charity.

*Sgt. Sheldon Lyon, Tpr. J. Clinton Gilliland, and Cpl. John E. Christensen are surrounded by toys that will be given to children who otherwise may not receive Christmas gifts.*



## Angel Tree Pays Tribute To Heroes

**By Sgt. Dan J. Crain, Troop I**

If, by chance, you had the opportunity to drop by Troop I Headquarters before Christmas, you probably noticed that the Christmas tree in the front lobby was decorated with many beautiful ceramic angels. If you took the time to look a little closer, you would have noticed something special about each of the angelic ornaments. Troop I employees came up with a unique idea to honor those troopers who have given up their lives while protecting the citizens of our state. The tree, which is illuminated with white and blue lights, is decorated with 27 angels to commemorate each of the troopers who had lost their life.

Troop I is especially thankful to Clerk Typist III Jamie L. Maddux, who took the time to paint the angels, and to Driver Examiner II Anne Rayfield, who carefully scribed the name of a fallen officer and the date they lost their life on each of the angels. The end result was not only a beautiful tree, but another thoughtful way to remember the officers and their families during this time of joy and celebration.

*[Editor's note: Troop I has added the 28th angel to this special tree as a tribute to Cpl. Dennis E. Engelhard, Troop C, who was killed in the line of duty on Christmas Day, December 25, 2009.]*

*Captain Lee Ann H. Kenley and Clerk Typist III Jamie L. Maddux stand near Troop I's angel tree.*



## DE Elves Join Christmas Crusade

**By CDL Exam. Aud. Brian K. Miller, Troop D**

In the month of December, 15 employees of the Troop D Driver Examination Division participated in a local Christmas Crusade for families. The Crusade is a promotion through KTTS radio, in the greater Springfield area, which matches sponsors with a child, children, or family in need of a special "elf" for the season.

The examiners were able to adopt two young men this year—Phillip, 10, and Michael, 14. Each sponsor agrees to purchase an outfit, gloves or mittens, and a hat for each of their children, as well as three to five new gifts from a wish list. We were able to provide Phillip with his wish list of Legos, Star Wars, Batman, pajamas, and action figures. For Michael, we were able to purchase a collector set of Hot Wheels, shirts, hoodie, jeans, and pajamas.

This is the second year the Troop D driver examiners have participated in this Crusade. We hope to continue to bring the Christmas spirit to those who are struggling to provide for their families in our area for years to come.

# CJIS' Social Committee: Fun & Good Karma

By Crim. Intel. Analyst I Maria A. Furey, Q/MIAC

The Social Committee of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJISD) worked hard during the winter 2009. The committee includes Crim. Hist. Spec. I Jason R. Buschjost, Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Kimberly R. Clarkston, and Crim. Hist. Tech. I Rachel E. Wistrom. This trio doesn't let a month go by without a selection of functions planned for CJIS employees to enjoy involving food, fun, and camaraderie. However, the CJIS Social Committee members aren't just party fanciers! Rather, they serve as liaisons uniting division employees with our community.

CJIS division employees, organized by the Social Committee, donated



*The CJIS Division Social Committee stands with items donated to a family through the Salvation Army Adopted Family program.*

ed approximately \$800 throughout the 2009 holiday season by participating in the Samaritan Center food drive and the Salvation Army Adopted Family program. Captain Cheryl Selvage, who is with our local Salvation Army, was very appreciative for CJISD's support.

Although the CJISD staff was thanked for rising to the occasion, I think it's also important to thank this small group of volunteers comprising our Social Committee. Hats off to them for keeping CJISD social while plugged in to our civil service objectives.

## Operation T.O.Y.S.

### Area LE Agencies Provide Positive Experience



*Miss Paige Hull, aka Santa's elf, accompanied Santa to Operation T.O.Y.S. on December 19, 2009.*

Area emergency vehicles escorted children to Kmart in the early hours of the morning one Saturday. Sgt. Roger D. Shikles, Troop F, was one of many area officers who participated in Operation T.O.Y.S. "My motivation for being involved in the project is simply seeing the excitement and happiness on the children's faces as they are picking out their Christmas gifts ... gifts that they would not have received if it wasn't for the generosity of all the people involved. It also gives the children a chance to see police officers in a positive way, and when they get older, they may remember that we are not the "bad guys". It is certainly a "feel good" experience, and I always leave with the feeling that we've done something good for someone else."



*Sgt. Bruce L. Reinkemeyer, Troop F, and his shopping buddy make their way down an aisle of toys. [Lt. Mark S. Dochterman, Q/PSD, can be seen in the background.]*



*Tpr. Shayne K. Talburt, Troop F, tallies up expenses for a little girl enjoying Operation T.O.Y.S. "This was a very rewarding experience. It means something to the kids to bring a police officer around. I like to see the kids smile."*



# 90th Recruit Class Becomes Newest Troopers

By Public Information Specialist III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Graduation for the 90th Recruit Class was a formal affair. It began when the Patrol's command staff, Attorney General Chris Koster, Missouri Supreme Court Judge Michael A. Wolff, troop commanders, and distinguished guests filed into the Academy gymnasium. When the crowd noticed their arrival, a wave of silence traveled from the front to the back of the room as everyone found their seats. A contingent of members from all nine troops and General Headquarters also were in attendance to recognize the accomplishments of the 25 new troopers.

Upon command, the new troopers entered in single file and made their way to the seats arranged in front of the podium. The day they had been working toward had finally arrived. Rev. Frederick R. McDaniel, Troop A chaplain, gave the invocation and benediction. Troop F Color Guard presented the colors with precision and professionalism—a perfect backdrop to Troop D's Corporal John H. Lueckenhoff singing of the national anthem.

Missouri's Attorney General Chris Koster addressed the new troopers. In his keynote address, he told them, "You are joining a special team. Troopers support each other like family. They respect each other's talents and abilities. And, they work together, as a team, to protect and defend Missourians on our highways and in our communities."

Attorney General Koster also told the class that he, the Patrol's command staff, and every trooper shares

*Members of the 90th Recruit Class enter the gymnasium for graduation.*



something in common—something that's hard to train for, but ever present in life from this moment on. He said he wished someone had told him at the very beginning and every day afterward for the last 15 years of his career.

"From this moment forward, everything you do, every decision you make, you make in the name of the



*Prior to the invocation, Troop A Chaplain Rev. Frederick McDaniel told the class all of the Patrol's chaplains are available any time they are needed.*



*Lt. Col. Richard L. Coffey, Q/Staff, converses with retired Lt. Dick Burnett before the graduation ceremony begins.*

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people of the state of Missouri," he said.

He then explained that every action a trooper takes--drawing their weapon, securing evidence, waving to a neighbor, or strapping on their leather--they do it in the name of the people of the state of Missouri. He told the new troopers that understanding the meaning of that phrase takes a long, long time.

"It's a process like understanding what it means to be a good son, or a good friend, or a good dad ... No matter what anyone in this world tells you, you are never really off the clock. ... every day for the rest of your career with this great organization, the members of your community know that you are a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper. No matter what they say, no matter how relaxed they tell you to be ... in their eyes you are always a trooper and they are watching. They expect you to show leadership and to set an example for your community, whether you are wearing your uniform or not, whether you are tired or not ..."

Attorney General Koster closed his speech by acknowledging that the Patrol is selective in choosing its members due to the fact that the responsibility of the uniform is so big. "This organization has spent 77 years living up to the extraordinary expectations that your governor, your legislature, your government, but most importantly--most importantly--your fellow citizens place upon you. I admire each and every one of you."

The Honorable Michael A. Wolff, Missouri Supreme Court, administered the Oath of Office to the new troopers. Dean Gil Kennon, vice president of college affairs at Mineral Area College, awarded associate's of applied science degrees to nine of the troopers based on their work at the Academy.

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*Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster emphasized that troopers act "in the name of the people of the state of Missouri".*

*The 90th Recruit Class repeat the Oath of Office and become troopers.*



*Tpr. John M. Harrison, 90th Recruit Class, accepts his diploma from his father, Tpr. John F. Harrison (Q/GD), who was a member of the 57th Recruit Class.*

*Academy instructors watch as the group of individuals they've been training for six months become troopers.*



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"Well, you made it. Wasn't easy, was it?" asked Colonel James F. Keathley, superintendent of the Patrol, when he addressed the class. "We know it wasn't easy. But the last 25 weeks are the preparation for the real job. Yesterday, you were a recruit. Today, I am proud to call you trooper. Keep yourself mentally and physically prepared and you will do well."

Colonel Keathley took a few moments to recognize Mrs. Cheryl Floyd, surviving spouse of Tpr. D. Kevin Floyd (KOD 2005), who's son-in-law, Jacob R. Sellars, is one of the new troopers. He then welcomed retired Lt. Dick Burnett, a member of the 9th Recruit Class, who was attending the graduation ceremony.



Tpr. Adam S. Huskey (left) accepts the Superintendent's Award from Col. James F. Keathley.

Colonel Keathley instructed the class to go out every day and, "prove you earned the respect given the title of trooper." He told them they are now part of the thin blue line between peace and chaos. "I congratulate you. Now, the real work begins. I wish each and every one of you a safe, happy career. Be safe out there."

The colonel then congratulated the following award winners from the 90th Recruit Class: Trooper Adam S. Huskey, Physical Training; Trooper Matthew J. Yoder, Firearms; Trooper David A. Close, Academic; and Trooper Adam S. Huskey, Superintendent's Award. The 25 new troopers reported for duty on January 4, 2010.

Listed below are the names, hometowns, and first assignments for members of the 90th Recruit Class:

Name	Hometown	First Assignment
Jason S. Albers	O'Fallon, IL	Troop C Franklin County
Catherine M. Bishop	Marthasville, MO	Troop C Franklin County
David A. Close	Washington, MO	Troop C Franklin County
Jonathan M. Conrad	New London, MO	Troop C Franklin County
Scott E. Culver	Kansas City, MO	Troop A Platte County
John M. Harrison	St. Joseph, MO	Troop A Platte County
R. Jayson Hastings	Lamar, MO	Troop A Cass County
Dennis E. Hill	Moberly, MO	Troop A Lafayette County
Adam S. Huskey	Festus, MO	Troop C Jefferson County
Adam R. Johnson	Danforth, IL	Troop E Butler County
Taremba Karizamimba	Kansas City, MO	Troop E Pemiscot/ New Madrid Counties
Michael K. Martin Jr.	Rolla, MO	Troop E Wayne County
Dennis D. Mathes	Kahoka, MO	Troop A Saline County
Rickey I. McQuerrey II	Lawson, MO	Troop A Clay County
Karime T. McWilliams	Lee's Summit, MO	Troop A Jackson County
Jason D. Miller	Columbia, MO	Troop F Montgomery County
Douglas W. Pfeifer II	Richland, MO	Troop A Cass County
Jason W. Philpott	Springfield, MO	Troop I Pulaski/Maries Counties
Roger P. Rudstrom Jr.	Andover, MN	Troop A Jackson County
Jacob R. Sellars	Mountain Grove, MO	Troop I Phelps/Maries Counties
Jayson R. Spain	Jackson, MO	Troop E Butler County
Cory M. Stauffer	Winnebago, MN	Troop I Crawford County
Nathan D. Wallace	Preston, MO	Troop A Saline County
George B. Wright	Conway, AR	Troop A Cass County
Matthew J. Yoder	Springfield, MO	Troop A Platte County



# Spotlight

## Sgt. Noel C. "Tan" Davenport



**Appointed:** August 1, 1993.

**First Assignment:** Troop C, Zone 7, St. Charles.

**Promotions:** Corporal — March 10, 2002; Sergeant — May 28, 2006.

**Current Assignment:** Property Control Supervisor/Fleet Manager, Gaming Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

**Family:** Tan is married to Leeann (Russell) of St. Charles. They have two sons together, Camden, 7, and Conner, 5. Tan also has a son, Jeran, 14, who lives with his mother in Troy, MO.

**Interests:** Tan's most recent interest is healthy living. He has started a rigorous exercise program that he plans to make part of his lifestyle. He also enjoys coaching his sons' baseball and basketball teams and playing softball and basketball. Tan spends a great deal of time as the secretary/treasurer for the Missouri Draft Horse & Mule Association. Tan and his family recently moved to Ashland from Harrisburg, so Tan can't wait to get the chance to have his own team of draft horses.

Tan was born in Des Moines, IA, but grew up in Harrisburg, MO, where he graduated from high school in 1988. In May 1992, Tan graduated from Lindenwood (College) University,

where he earned a bachelor's of arts degree in psychology.

He was adopted as a baby, but found his biological family as an adult and stays in touch with his American Indian family in Tama, IA, to learn his heritage. In case you're wondering why he goes by the name "Tan", it's a nickname that came from his middle name, Chatanna. Tan's adoptive parents thought he was Sioux, so they gave him a Sioux name they found. It turns out that his biological mother was actually a Meskwaki Indian from Tama, IA. The Meskwaki people derived from the Sac & Fox people. Tan legally changed his last name during the selection process with the Patrol after finding his Indian family. The Davenport name started with Colonel Davenport in Davenport, IA.

Tan has been part of numerous special assignments while with the Patrol. Tan said he enjoys the opportunities offered by the Patrol and is grateful for the career he's had so far.

## CIT Spec. II Janice D. "Jan" Scheibeler



**Appointed:** January 15, 1992.

**First Assignment:** Programmer I, Information Systems Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City. (She updated COBOL programs with error message displays.)

**Promotions/Reclassifications:** Programmer II—March 1, 1993; Computer Information Specialist I — April 1, 1996; Computer Information Specialist II — January 1, 1999; Computer Information Technician — September 1, 2000; Computer Information Technician Specialist I — December 11, 2005; Computer Information Technician Specialist II — December 12, 2008.

**Current Assignment:** Computer Information Technician Specialist II, Information Systems Division, General Headquarters. (Jan is a Lotus Notes developer and supports approximately 20 databases for various Patrol divisions.)

**Family:** Jan's husband, Mark, works at Riley Chevrolet, and their daughter, Whitney, works and attends college in Florida.

**Interests:** "We love to travel, which is a good thing since our family is scattered around the country and beyond," says Jan. "We also enjoy good barbecue with friends, listening to music, and boating or being by the water. I do like to bake and cook (just not every day) and shopping is always fun! HGTV is one of my favorite TV shows, and I do like to read a good mystery once in a while. My husband and I love watching football and are Iowa Hawkeyes, Missouri Tigers, and Kansas City Chiefs fans. Plus, I'm a fan of whatever team Brett Favre happens to be on. My husband loves cars, so you may see us on occasion at a race or car show."

"My father-in-law was a lieutenant with the Iowa Highway Patrol, and was proud to tell his friends and acquaintances that his daughter-in-law is employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The Missouri State Highway Patrol is a good place to work, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to be part of MSHP the past 17 years. It helps when you're surrounded by a great group of hard working, caring people. The years have flown by!"

# Troop A's Generosity Warms Those In Need

*By Sgt. Douglas J. "D.J." Hedrick, Troop A*

I have always been fascinated by the parable Jesus shares about the "Good Samaritan". This parable appears in Luke 10:25-37. A man was attacked, robbed, beaten, and left to die along the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Several well-to-do people walked by this person and did nothing. They simply ignored him. A Samaritan came along and cared for his injuries, gave him food, and took him to a place to heal. At this time in history, Samaritans were a group of people hated by the Jews, and most people did not associate with them. This Samaritan saw a person hurting, a person in need. Jesus told this parable to explain what a good neighbor is supposed to do.

My wife, Janice, son, Jordan, and I attend The Rock of Kansas City Church. We have been attending there for five years. Janice has been very involved in the nursery, dedicating her time and love to newborns to 24-month-olds. However, I was just attending worship. I am proud of the church's outreach ministries such as the food pantry, Synergy House (a battered women's shelter), Reach Sudan (collecting school supplies, clothing, medical items, cleaning goods, and sending these gifts off to Harvesters Reaching the Nations of Sudan), and many more. Janice and I have given to these outreach programs, but not shared our time. The church has a large barrel in the entry where coats, gloves, hats, and clothing can be donated for families who are in need. When the Highway Patrol decided to purchase new winter coats, I sent out an e-mail several months ago to Troop A employees asking if they would be willing to donate their old Patrol-issued coats to my church's outreach program. I was not surprised of the response that I received because Troop A has so many giving people.

[Troop A employees are a generous group of folks. CVO Sprv. I Janelle M. Waterman has been an instrumental part of the Special Olympics' T-shirt program at Troop A for many years.

This summer, Sergeant Christopher L. "Chip" Drenon, had a fish fry and picnic in Odessa, MO, raising over \$1,500, which was donated to the Ronald McDonald House on December 20<sup>th</sup> for the "Tpr. Michael L. Newton Memorial Toy Drive". Troop A has adopted a family in need for the past several years instead of having a Troop A Christmas party. I am sure there are many others who are doing wonderful things around their community that we do not know about.]



*Sgt. D.J. Hedrick met Darnell (left) while volunteering with the Salvation Army "Honk and Holler" program.*

In all, 54 coats, from CVE, DE, MVI, and road officers were collected. Shoulder patches, rank insignia, and any patrol identifications were removed. When I took the coats, which were in plastic bags, to the church, they did not fit in the barrel. Several people at the church inquired about the quality of Gortex coats. I was very proud to tell them about the response I received from those of you I work with and serve with every day.

I then decided to take my participation a little farther. On December 8, the beginning of the "winter storm" that hit North Missouri, I asked if I could go out with an outreach team to give away some coats. P.D. Crow, Angie Highland, and Mike and Jill Mitchell welcomed me, and I accompanied them as they volunteered for the Salvation Army "Honk and Holler" program. I was a little apprehensive about driving within the "inner city". I asked P.D.

what I needed to bring with me. P.D. replied, "A sense of humor." I asked Jill if they had ever encountered any problems with safety while delivering meals and articles of clothing. Jill said sometimes the men used vulgar language and they smelled like they had been drinking, but there was never anything too difficult to handle.

We drove around neighborhoods and would stop at the street corners. Mike, who was driving the truck, honked the horn and several people would come to the back of the truck to receive a hot meal. I helped hand out sandwiches, chips, soda, and donuts as Jill asked their first name and age. If someone asked for a specific article of clothing, such as, socks, stocking hats, gloves, and coats, Jill would have them go to the front of the truck.

This is where I personally met Darnell (42) and Arnie (45). P.D. asked Darnell if he would like a new coat and if we could take his picture. Darnell was very appreciative of the new coat. Arnie was living in a trailer that did not have any electricity. Arnie had a big smile on his face when he received the coat. The team made several stops near bridge underpasses. My eyes were opened to living conditions of some homeless people, who would wrap themselves in cardboard boxes to protect themselves from the elements.

In all, 48 hot meals were received that evening. It was gratifying to know several people were given food, clothes, and (I hope) felt like they mattered to someone. It was a privilege to serve with P.D., Mike, Jill, and Angie, who have been doing this type of service for over a year. I do feel so wonderfully blessed to have all my needs met. It's hard to tell others about an experience everyone should be practicing every day. I have so much respect for those who give their time to others. I plan to continue to help P.D. and his team.

Jesus says in Matthew 25:40, "Anything you did for any of my people, you also did for me."



# Promotions and Reclassifications



Christopher F. Scott  
Sergeant  
Troop A



Russell A. Seaton  
Sergeant  
Q/GD



Andrew F. Cheaney  
Corporal  
Q/GD



Tyler R. Jenkins  
Corporal  
Troop C



Matthew B. Koch  
Corporal  
Troop A



Matthew R. Schmidt  
Corporal  
Troop C



David R. Axelrod  
Comm. Oper. III  
Troop C



Todd M. Cooper  
Comm. Oper. III  
Troop D



Regina L. Cruise  
Comm. Oper. III  
Troop C



Michele L. Doty  
Comm. Oper. III  
Troop A



Jeremy L. MacDonnell  
Comm. Oper. III  
Troop D



John R. Novotny  
Comm. Oper. III  
Troop D



James M. Parks  
Comm. Oper. III  
Troop F



Christopher L. Parr  
Comm. Oper. III  
Troop F



Lindell E. Roth  
Comm. Oper. III  
Troop B

# Promotions and Reclassifications



April R. Anderson  
AFIS Entry Oper. III  
Q/CJISD



Dennis W. Bauer  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint.  
II  
Troop C



Dorothy R. Cosey  
DE III  
Troop C



Jessica L. Defer  
DE III  
Troop C



Sean D. Jacobs  
Auto. Tech. Sprv.  
Troop A



Erica M. Rehbein  
DE III  
Troop C



Christina A. Suthoff  
Personnel Analyst II  
Q/HRD

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## Intoxicated Driver's Vehicle Strikes C-2E

In the early morning hours of January 9, 2010, Troop C communications learned a vehicle had struck a soda machine and the building at the C-2E weigh station. St. Clair Police Department Officer Goodson responded, handled the report, and placed the driver under arrest for careless and imprudent driving and driving while intoxicated. Trooper Matthew H. Mistler, Troop C, responded to the scene. Further investigation revealed the driver was unable to stop his Ford F150 on the icy parking lot and struck the soda machine and C-2E building. It was fortunate that C-2E was closed at the time of the incident. MODOT District 6 Supervisor Ed Warhol responded and determined the building to be unstable. The contents of the building were removed and the building was razed. The contents of the C-2E building have been moved to C-2W. Rebuilding C-2E is currently under review.



*This photo of C-2E weigh station was taken after an intoxicated driver lost control of his vehicle, which then struck the building.*





# Protect Yourself!

## Good Habits May Prevent Illness

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by a virus. It can cause mild to severe

illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent seasonal flu is by getting a seasonal flu **vaccination** each year. This flu season, scientists believe that a new and very different flu virus (called novel 2009 H1N1) may cause a lot more people to get sick than during a regular flu season. It also may cause more hospital stays and deaths than regular seasonal flu.

### *Flu Symptoms:*

- fever (often high)
- headache
- extreme tiredness
- dry cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- muscle aches

Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, also can occur but are more common in children than adults. Some people who have been infected with the new H1N1 flu virus have reported diarrhea and vomiting.

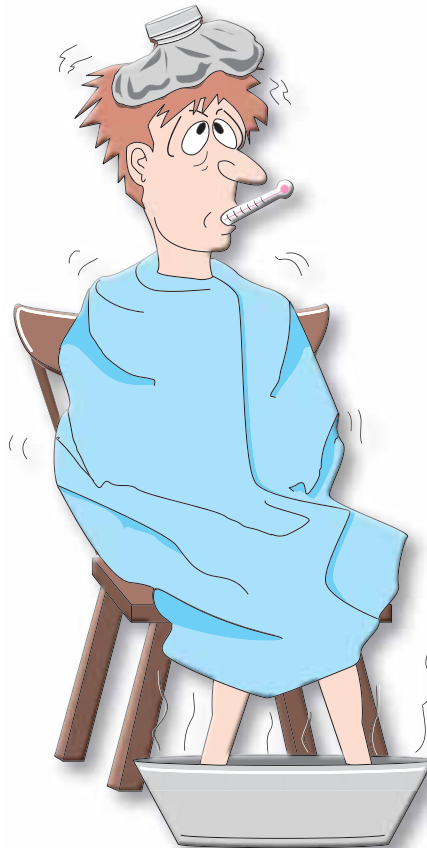
Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing by people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something – such as a surface or object – with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

People infected with seasonal and 2009 H1N1 flu shed virus and may be able to infect others from one day prior to their becoming sick to 5 to 7 days after. This can be longer in some people, especially children and people

with weakened immune systems, and in people infected with the new H1N1 virus.

### **Take these everyday steps to protect your health:**

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.



- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, the Centers For Disease Control & Prevention recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) Keep away from others as much as possible to keep from making others sick.
- Use a disinfectant on surfaces in your home.
- Wash dishes and linens in hot, soapy water.
- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds, and other social distancing measures.
- Be prepared! Have a supply of over-the-counter medicines, tissues, soup, crackers, and other related items in case you become sick and need to stay home while you are contagious.

Patrol employees are reminded to review General Order 22-05 for information regarding leave. This document will help you know when a doctor's note or extended leave form is required. Supervisors should also review the "pandemic flu plan" within the Patrol's Emergency Operations Plan.

*(Most of the information for this story came from the Centers For Disease Control & Prevention web site.)*

# Anniversaries

## February

*35 years*

CITS II Richard H. Schellman,  
Q/ISD

*30 years*

Asst. Director Debra A. Bax,  
Q/CVE

*25 years*

CVO II Bradford R. Gregory,  
Troop B  
CVO Sprv. David L. Craighead,  
Troop F

*20 years*

MVI Sprv. Jerry L. Jenkins,  
Troop F  
Chief Tech. Keith O. Randall,  
Q/CommD

*15 years*

Clerk Typist III Reita D. Cyrus,  
Troop D  
MVI Sprv. Michael P. Kelly,  
Troop B

*10 years*

CDL Exam. IIIa J. Burk, Troop A  
Supply Mgr. II Christopher J.  
Terry, Q/BPD  
Dup. Equip. Oper. III Chad A.  
Buschjost, Q/BPD  
CITS II Robert T. Love, Q/ISD

*5 years*

Comm. Oper. II Dena R.  
Applebury, Troop B  
Comm. Oper. II Jason D. Dake,  
Troop I  
Comm. Oper. II Niki J. Petre,  
Troop B  
Prog./Analyst Mgr. Doris K.  
Fisher, Q/ISD

Personnel Rec. Clerk II Jonna R.  
Farley, Q/HRD

Comm. Oper. II Tarlice D. James,  
Troop C

Comm. Oper. II Robert L.  
Schrage, Troop C

Clerk Typist III Deborah  
Willoughby, Troop F

DE III Patricia L. Jarman, Troop H  
UCR Trainer/QA Aud. Christina  
S. Lashmet, Q/CJISD

## March

*30 years*

CVO II Daryl W. Dell, Troop C

*25 years*

Laboratory Mgr. Cary F. Maloney,  
Q/CLD

*20 years*

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv.  
William G. Barron, Troop C

*15 years*

Auto. Tech. III Jay D. Applebury,  
Troop B  
Comm. Oper. III Jeffrey G. Bonner  
Sr., Troop H  
Asst. Chief Oper. John D.  
Hamilton, Troop D

*10 years*

Info. Analyst II Kimberly J.  
Hutson, Q/DDCC  
Cpl. Edwin A. Blaylock, Troop C  
Sgt. Jason S. Brumble, Troop G  
Tpr. Shawn M. Campbell, Troop F  
Cpl. John W. Dick Jr., Troop A  
Cpl. Adam V. Dillon, Troop A  
Tpr. Ronald W. Eakins, Troop E

Tpr. Anthony C. Helfrecht,  
Troop F

Tpr. Jimmie C. Howell, Troop G  
Cpl. Shane M. Hux, Troop H

Cpl. Craig R. Kicker, Troop F  
Tpr. Adam M. Kinney, Troop B

Tpr. Nicholas W. Mathews,  
Troop I

Tpr. Jonathan B. May, Troop D  
Cpl. R. Brooks McGinnis,  
Troop A

Tpr. Michael D. Murrill,  
Troop D

Tpr. Terry R. Nelson, Troop G  
Tpr. Brian P. O'Sullivan,  
Troop D

Cpl. Terry R. Potter, Troop C  
Sgt. James J. Rongey, Troop H

Tpr. Kelsey J. Rutledge,  
Troop D

Tpr. Robert W. Schafer,  
Troop D

Tpr. Shannon S. Sitton,  
Q/DDCC

Cpl. Scotty L. Sizer, Q/GD  
Cpl. Michael G. Slaughter,  
Troop E

Tpr. Richard A. Stewart,  
Troop D

Tpr. Harold G. Vernon, Troop H  
Tpr. Todd P. Watson, Troop E

Cpl. Jeremy L. Weadon,  
Q/DDCC

Tpr. Greg A. Weddle, Troop I

*5 years*

Comm. Oper. II Catherine P.  
Holmes, Troop I

## Correction

In the November/December 2009 issue of the *Patrol News*, the last name of Trooper Elyse J. Ruckenbrod, Troop C, was misspelled. We sincerely regret the error.

## Electronically Speaking

To access your Electronic Pay Stub, go to <https://medlife.modot.mo.gov>. If you have questions about this change, call Fiscal & Budgetary Analyst Jana M. Vandegriff, Q/BPD, at 573-526-6323.



# Missouri Medal Of Honor Awarded

## Three Patrol Members Recognized

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

Governor Jay Nixon recognized seven public safety officers with Missouri's Medal of Valor during a ceremony in his office in Missouri's Capitol on November 19, 2009. In remarks made prior to the presentation, Gov. Nixon said in today's society, the term "hero" can be applied too casually, but that these seven Medal of Valor recipients were true heroes.

"... each put their own lives at great risk to save the life of another," said the governor. "They come from fire departments, EMS, sheriff's departments, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. They faced fire, flood, and gunfire to save innocent lives." He then congratulated the recipients and thanked them for their service.

Director John Britt, DPS, read descriptions of each incident, all of which occurred in 2008, as Gov. Nixon presented the award to the recipient. As each public safety employee accepted his medal, the governor took a few moments to speak quietly with them.

### *Those honored included three members of the Patrol:*

Sgt. Dale O. Jinkens, Troop A, rescued a motorist trapped inside a burning vehicle on Interstate 70 in Independence, MO. At first, he was unable to reach the victim, whose vehicle was up against a concrete highway divider. Sgt. Jinkens organized motorists who had stopped at the scene to move the vehicle, so he could squeeze between the divider and the vehicle, which was engulfed in flames, and pull the driver to safety. The driver will make a full recovery.

Trooper Shawn M. Dougherty, Troop G, rescued a man in swift moving flood waters. Tpr. Dougherty swam toward the victim, repeatedly went under water to find him, and then held the victim's head above water until this person could be pulled safely ashore.

Tpr. Andrew B. Ward, Troop D, rescued a motorist trapped inside a burning vehicle. Tpr. Ward dived through the driver's side window and dislodged her foot, which was wedged under the brake pedal. The vehicle filled with smoke and fire while he worked to free her. When he couldn't remove himself from the vehicle, another trooper pulled him to safety. At that time, he ran to the passenger side of the vehicle and, with the help of several civilians, pulled the driver to safety.

### *Those honored from other DPS agencies included:*

Robert "Elmer" Bellefy, Belton Emergency Services, was honored for saving a mother and daughter trapped in a burning vehicle. Firefighters Daniel Berry and Todd Gray, Fulton Fire Department, were honored for rescuing a woman from a blazing house

fire in Fulton. Deputy Donald Hayden, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, was recognized for actions taken to end a shooting rampage by a heavily armed suspect at a trailer court in Dixon, MO.

"I am continually impressed by the dedication of the men and women of Missouri's public safety community," said Gov. Nixon in a press release. "They and their families sacrifice daily so that we can have better and safer communities across this state. All Missourians owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women who selflessly work to protect us."

This is the second year Missouri Medal of Valor awards have been presented. State statute authorizes up to seven medals each year. Recipients must be persons serving a public agency, with or without compensation, as a firefighter, law enforcement officer, or emergency personnel.



*Tpr. Shawn Dougherty, Troop G ; Sgt. Dale Jinkens, Troop A; and Tpr. Andrew Ward, Troop D, hold their individual Missouri Medals of Valor.*

# LT. McNIELL RECOGNIZED As UNSUNG HERO

On December 10, 2009, representatives from various law enforcement agencies, the Missouri National Guard, and the Missouri Department of Corrections gathered for the 2009 Missouri Special Olympics awards ceremony at the Capital Plaza hotel in Jefferson City. This event was held in conjunction with the Missouri Police Chiefs Association conference and serves as the kickoff event for 2010.

In addition to recognizing volunteers from the various agencies for their support of Special Olympics, a special award is given to one of the unsung heroes. This award--the John Michael Letz Award--was established in December 1994, for the purpose of recognizing an individual whose unselfish efforts and contributions are directly responsible for the success of the Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics Missouri. The Letz Award was presented to Lt. James E. "Jim" McNiell, Troop E.

Lt. McNiell has been involved in the LE Torch Run for eight years, having served as a coordinator for Troop E during that time. He has served to

coordinate local routes in his region, bringing new agencies into the LE Torch Run and keeping longtime agencies connected. He and fellow agency members challenged themselves by participating in the 2009 Polar Bear Plunge in their area. He recognizes others for their support, through a phone call or letter of commendation. Lt. McNiell cites his experiences with

Special Olympics as being some of the most rewarding parts of his career. Although he plans to retire in 2010, he has chosen to wait until after Missouri Special Olympics, so that he can participate one last time. His concern for the LE Torch Run is such that he's already selected his replacement as an agency coordinator.



*Captain Don Spears (right), Belton Police Department, presented the John Michael Letz Award to Lt. Jim McNiell, Troop E.*

## Mid-Mo Stealers Shine On The Ballfield

*By Sgt. Dan J. Crain, Troop I*

The Troop I Chapter of the Missouri State Trooper's Association has always looked at ways it can assist the communities located within the troop's six-county area. During the summer 2009, the chapter decided that community service and the recruiting of future troopers might both be accomplished by helping to sponsor a youth baseball team. Little did MOSTA's Troop I Chapter members know that the team they selected, the Mid-Mo Stealers, would be so successful.

The Mid-Mo Stealers, which was comprised of Phelps County youths that were age 10 and under, competed successfully in several tournaments, finishing no lower than second place. To add to their incredible season, the

team also won the "Field of Dreams" competition at a Springfield Cardinals ballgame, by selling the most ball tickets. As the winners, they were allowed to take their usual playing positions on Hammond's Field, and then received autographs from the Springfield Cardinals players.

Following the season, the Stealers presented two plaques to Troop I MOSTA Chapter President/Sergeant Mark D. Ward. Shortstop Sam Remillard (son of Troop I Lieutenant James W. "Jim" Remillard) presented the plaques on behalf of the team to show the team's appreciation of their sponsor. Troop I MOSTA members are proud of the team, and many of us might wonder, "Is there a future troop-



*(l to r) Sgt. Mark Ward accepts plaques of appreciation from Shortstop Sam Remillard.*

er or maybe even a future Cardinal within the ranks of this talented team?"



# Missouri State Highway Patrol Reaccredited

*By Research & Development Division*

On November 21, 2009, the Missouri State Highway Patrol was awarded accredited status for the sixth time by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc (CALEA). The award was presented by Commission Chair Louis M. Dekmar and CALEA Executive Director Sylvester Daughtry Jr., during the CALEA conference held in Salt Lake City, UT.

The final step in achieving the award occurred earlier in the day when Colonel James F. Keathley, Major Robert E. Bloomberg, Captain Timothy G. Baysinger, and Sergeant William R. Lowry appeared before a review committee comprised of three of the 21 CALEA commissioners. They were: Professor Gary W. Cordner, Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA; Mr. Richard W. Holden, commander, retired, North Carolina State Highway Patrol; and Honorable James N. Robey, Senator, 13th District of Maryland, Annapolis, MD. Commissioner Cordner summarized the contents of the report detailing the August 22-27, 2009 on-site assessment of the Patrol and provided Col. Keathley opportunities to comment. The other board members offered comments and asked questions of the superintendent.

Although the committee review is a stressful and sometimes humbling experience for the representatives of some agencies, this review of the Patrol went smoothly and resulted in few questions and numerous complimentary remarks from commission members. Commissioner Cordner commended Col. Keathley and the Patrol for dedication to the accreditation process and continuing professionalism as reflected in the assessment team report. Commissioner Holden commented on the Patrol's compliance with 94% of the non-mandatory standards being an exceptional achievement for any agency and remarked that the overall level of compliance demonstrated by the Patrol was especially noteworthy for a large agency

*Pictured at the CALEA banquet (l to r) are CALEA Executive Director Sylvester Daughtry Jr., Sgt. William Lowry, Capt. Timothy Baysinger, Major Robert Bloomberg, Colonel James Keathley, and Commission Chair Louis Dekmar.*



with facilities and personnel stationed across an entire state. He also commended the Patrol for earning its second consecutive Flagship Award.

The Flagship Agency Recognition Program was introduced by CALEA in 2004, to acknowledge the achievement and expertise of some of the most successful CALEA-accredited public safety agencies, and also to provide "flagship examples" to assist other agencies. As a result of the review, the committee recommended the commission grant the Patrol full and unconditional re-accreditation.

Such a smooth and complimentary committee review could not have occurred without the cooperation of the many employees who represented the Patrol so well when contacted by the on-site assessment team and who took time from their regular duties to collect, highlight, and forward the many pieces of documentation requested for the accreditation files. Instrumental in collection of proofs and creation of files for this assessment were Sergeants Edward J. Aylward, Keverne L. McCollum, and Jeffrey L. Coulson;

Corporal Tyler R. Jenkins; and Trooper Reid T. Fessler, who each served in an extended internship or assignment with RDD's Accreditation Section. The assessors made many positive comments about the knowledge and competence displayed by our employees and about the quality and thoroughness of the reports and documentation presented in our accreditation files.

Collection of the documentation would not have been possible were it not for the faithful execution of duties, including the proper completion and filing of required reports, analysis, and reviews, that are routinely accomplished by all Patrol employees. The Research and Development Division sincerely appreciates everyone's efforts which were instrumental in the successful completion of the on-site assessment, the positive atmosphere at the agency review, and the unanimous vote by the commission to re-accredit the Patrol with a Meritorious Award for maintaining 15 or more years of continuous accredited status.



# The Ultimate Sacrifice

## Christmas 2009: Cpl. Dennis E. Engelhard's Final Tour Of Duty

*Sgt. Kevin B. Miller, Troop C*

On Friday, December 25, 2009, at approximately 10:56 a.m., Troop C radio contacted me at my residence. I was advised that Cpl. Dennis E. Engelhard had been struck while investigating a traffic crash. I was to respond to the scene and conduct the crash investigation. An accounting follows:

On Friday, December 25, 2009, Cpl. Dennis E. Engelhard, badge #355, was assigned to work the 6 a.m. shift in Troop C, Zone 4, St. Louis and Jefferson counties. At approximately 8 a.m., it began snowing in the St. Louis area and the temperature began dropping. This caused road conditions to quickly deteriorate and Troop C began receiving a large number of calls about traffic crashes and vehicles off the roadway.

At approximately 9:57 a.m., Cpl. Engelhard advised Troop C radio that he had driven up on a traffic crash on westbound Interstate 44, nine-tenths of a mile east of Missouri highway 109, in St. Louis County. Upon arriving on scene, Cpl. Engelhard discovered that a sport utility vehicle, with extensive front end damage, was blocking the far right lane of the three westbound lanes. The driver had lost control on the ice covered road, traveled off the right side of roadway, and the front of the vehicle had struck a concrete bridge wall. Cpl. Engelhard parked his patrol vehicle in the affected lane just east of the sport utility vehicle involved in the crash, with his emergency lights activated, and contacted its driver. Within moments of Cpl. Engelhard's arrival, an officer from the Eureka Police Department arrived on scene and made contact with Cpl. Engelhard,

who was on the north shoulder speaking with the driver. The Eureka officer stated that when he advised Cpl. Engelhard that he would work the traffic crash and could clear from the scene, Cpl. Engelhard quickly declined the offer. At this time, a tow truck was requested to respond to the scene by the Eureka officer.

After taking the driver involved in the traffic crash to his patrol vehicle, Cpl. Engelhard quickly set about making the scene safe by deploying road flares behind his patrol vehicle, as the Eureka officer directed traffic. After taking measurements of the crash scene, Cpl. Engelhard returned to his patrol vehicle, completed his notes, and awaited the arrival of the tow truck. At approximately 10:35 a.m., Cpl. Engelhard contacted Troop C radio and asked that they inquire as to an estimated time of arrival from the tow company. Shortly thereafter, he was advised it would be approximately 10 to 15 minutes due to traffic and



*Cpl. Dennis E. Engelhard*

road conditions.

At approximately 10:43 a.m., statements from witnesses indicate that Cpl. Engelhard was at the rear of his patrol vehicle deploying road flares in the far right affected lane as he faced traffic. As Cpl. Engelhard was replacing the road flares, the driver of a Chevrolet Tracker lost control of his vehicle on the ice covered road. As the Tracker traveled in the far left lane, it slid to the right as it rotated in a clockwise motion, crossed through the center lane, and entered the far right lane where Cpl. Engelhard was standing. Cpl. Engelhard was struck by the



*Friends and coworkers gathered at the Park Baptist Church Fellowship Building to pay tribute to Cpl. Dennis Engelhard.*



*Colonel James F. Keathley expresses his condolences to Mr. Jim Engelhard, Cpl. Engelhard's father, during the funeral.*



*(l) Cpl. Gary C. Swartz and (r) Sgt. Johnny L. Ellsworth served as part of Troop C's Honor Guard during Cpl. Dennis Engelhard's funeral.*

Tracker's left side, and the force of the impact caused him to also strike the left rear of his patrol vehicle. Cpl. Engelhard then came to rest in the center lane of the roadway. After striking Cpl. Engelhard, the Tracker struck the right rear of Cpl. Engelhard's patrol vehicle, which was still occupied by the driver of the initial traffic crash.

Upon Cpl. Engelhard being struck, the Eureka officer immediately contacted his dispatch and requested that EMS respond to the scene. With the assistance of two passing motorists, the Eureka officer provided medical assistance to Corporal Engelhard until EMS arrival, approximately nine minutes after the crash occurred. Ap-

proximately six minutes after EMS arrival, Cpl. Engelhard was transported from the scene to St. Clare Health Center, in Fenton, MO, by Eureka Fire Ambulance Service. At approximately 11:20 a.m., Cpl. Engelhard was pronounced dead by the hospital staff.

As I mentioned earlier, Dennis was a good friend and former zone mate that I had the privilege of knowing for nine years. During his life, Dennis accomplished many things and served his fellow man daily without hesitation. I knew him to be not only an outstanding officer, but a good and honest man. Farewell, Dennis. You performed your duty well and will be missed by many.

## Cpl. Dennis E. Engelhard: A Final Call

*By Lt. John M. Enderle, Troop C*

When we are trained in the Patrol Academy we are told you must wear many hats when performing our duties as a law enforcement officer. You will need to be a peacekeeper, counselor, caretaker, disciplinarian, and educator ... just to name a few. Let me tell you this firsthand: Dennis was all of these and more. He was a zone sergeant's dream employee. Dennis never griped, never missed a deadline, he made a lot of contacts, and answered all his calls without hesitation.

On Christmas Day, December 25, 2009, I was standing in the emergency room of St. Clare Hospital looking at my friend, Dennis, lying lifeless in the hospital. As I was looking at Dennis many memories were going through my mind as if a videotape was playing. I would like to now share with you this video.

The video started with Dennis arriving to the zone in September 2000. He would come into the zone office with his FTO, and place the items he was carrying on a desk that faced the wall. He would sit down at the desk and quickly begin doing his paperwork. I remember saying to him many times, "Dennis, you just going to walk in here and not say hi, bye, or kiss my grits?" He would spin around in the chair, look over his shoulder, smile, and laugh.

Then, I thought of the many times I checked his reports. Let me tell you those were some good reports—a tad long, but well written. He was a thorough investigator and report writer. Dennis would like to use long words that I had to look up in a dictionary to make sure they existed. I teased him

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*Comm. Oper. II Ila R. Duvall, Troop A, salutes Cpl. Engelhard by playing "Taps".*



# — Final Call

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by telling him I was just a country boy, and he was making things hard on me. Dennis would just laugh, and say he was doing it to make me better educated. This was Dennis teaching me to better myself.

My next video scene of Dennis was one that reoccurred often. Dennis, another zone mate (who will remain unnamed), and I would be sitting in the zone office talking and working. The other zone member and I liked to get into joking conversations with one another and take different view points on different subjects—just to get the other's goat. We would take a breath and ask Dennis what he thought. But, Dennis would laugh at us and say we were like a married couple, and he would not interfere. Dennis would ride the fence because he knew he had to be the peacekeeper.

On several occasions I assisted Dennis with traffic stops. Dennis always had everything under control and really didn't need me there. I knew though when he started shaking his finger at the violator they were going to get a stern, but polite lecture. During the lecture he was professional, but firm, and justified in every occurrence. This was Dennis being the disciplinarian.

As time went on I knew Dennis was a trustworthy person and friend.



*Cpl. Dennis Engelhard's funeral took place on December 30, 2009. Here, a formation of officers and coworkers stand at attention while the hearse prepares for the journey to the cemetery.*

Every once in awhile I could convince Dennis to share his thoughts and give me advice. When I would talk things out with Dennis I was able to notice all sides of the subject and come to a good, sound decision. Dennis could have been a great counselor.

My video of Dennis took me to one snowy evening when I was walking in the zone office wearing a pair of Rocky boots. The soles of my boots were falling apart for some unknown reason and the tread was being left behind on the zone office floor. Dennis and another zone mate were present. They couldn't stop laughing and making fun of my poor ole soles. Dennis went out to his patrol vehicle, retrieved his spare of Rocky boots, and

gave them to me. He said, "I can't have my sergeant walking around without a good sole." Dennis was then wearing the hat of caretaker.

At his funeral, approximately 550 people were in attendance to give Dennis his final farewell. Present at the ceremony were state legislators, members from The MASTERS, and many other dignitaries. In attendance were representatives from many Missouri state agencies, federal agencies, and law enforcement departments from across Missouri. The states of Texas, Illinois, Wyoming, and California were present, also. You may not know this, but the California Highway Patrol presented Mr. and Mrs. Engelhard with a California flag. I want to thank all of you for participating in this service for our fellow trooper, zone mate, and friend. He will be missed, but not forgotten.

I would like to extend my warmest thoughts and sympathy to the immediate family and friends of Dennis. Thank you for sharing him with us.



*Colonel James F. Keathley addresses all law enforcement present at Cpl. Dennis Engelhard's funeral prior to the service.*

# Letters Of Tribute

## *Dennis: Always There When You Needed Him*

*By Sgt. Michele L. Coon, Troop C*

When I looked at the schedule and saw I was working with Dennis, I knew it was going to be a good day. He always had a smile on his face and positive attitude toward life. He was a trustworthy friend, who was always there when you needed him. He listened intently, and every now and then shared a little bit of his wisdom. Dennis' love for the Patrol was evident as every day he gave his best. He was a hard worker and never complained when asked to give a little bit more of his time. I often heard his zone sergeant comment that he would like to have a whole zone of Dennis Engelhard's. He was so easygoing that on the rare occasion he was riled up, it was hard to keep a straight face. Dennis' animation and determination would come through as he told his tales. Dennis was such an honest person, he often told on himself when he made a mistake.

*(Cpl. Dennis Engelhard was initially assigned to Troop C, in Franklin County. Sgt. Michele L. Coon was one of Dennis' corporals while he worked in Franklin County.)*

## *Thoughts Of Dennis Bring A Smile*

*By Tpr. Amanda J. Kahler, Troop D*

Dennis and I were friends before either of us were troopers.

When Dennis was a flight paramedic, many fun times were shared. There was never a dull moment with Dennis. He was always smiling, laughing, joking, and having fun. He had this uncanny way of telling stories, always with animation and descriptions only he could conjure up. He helped come up with some of the best nicknames for his co-workers. In fact, some of those nicknames are still being used today. Dennis would have everyone in the room or vicinity in fits of laughter. When it came to his work, he was intelligent, serious, and passionate.

I spoke to many of Dennis' friends and former co-workers. When I asked each of them what they remembered most about Dennis, every one of them smiled and then told of a fun memory. The thought of Dennis alone brought smiles. That was Dennis ... a smile maker! I and many others will forever feel the heaviness in our hearts for the loss of Dennis Engelhard. But, Dennis' gift of a smile will always uncontrollably appear across our faces when our thoughts are of him.



*This photo was taken while Dennis worked as a flight paramedic.*

## *My Memories Of Dennis Are Good Ones*

*By Susan Crum, RN, BSN, CCRN  
Program Director, COX AIR  
CARE (helicopter)  
Cox Health, Springfield, MO*

I could always count on Dennis to 'spin a tale' giving a full picture of the events that transpired, and adding a bit of humor along the way. I always admired his expressive abilities. Dennis not only handled the day-to-day responsibilities of being a flight paramedic (such as patient documentation), but his writing abilities would allow him to take charge of production of our Cox Air Care newsletters. Many a poor soul would receive their written article returned to them by Dennis in order for it to be polished and rewritten! Those are good memories!

I considered Dennis to be a co-worker and friend before I became his supervisor. We completed many a flight together and I always trusted his paramedic skills. I also respected his rapport with our patients and their families. My memories of Dennis will always be good ones. The world has lost a wonderful person.

*Editor's note: The Patrol News was unable to print every letter in its entirety due to space considerations. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this memorial layout for Cpl. Dennis E. Engelhard.*



# Engelhard Family Expresses Appreciation



With deep and sincere appreciation our family thanks you for all your kindnesses during this sad time. Thank you so much for the visits with us at Dennis' services in Brookfield, the flowers, cards, letters, the honor guard for never leaving him, the pallbearers, all those who had any part in the services, and for the memorials given in his honor. Your caring words of faith and support have meant so much to us.

So many people are living happy healthy lives because of his work as a

paramedic, flight paramedic, and with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He was so proud to wear the uniform and badge of the MSHP. Christmas is changed for our family. We will forever see Lt. Brian T. Deshler (Troop A) standing at our door, searching for the gentlest words, but knowing there were none.

The public must be made aware of the need for full attention while driving. Electronic devices, speed, weather conditions, lack of alertness – all of

these things put our law enforcement and emergency workers at risk ... the ones who should command our deepest gratitude and respect. Let's make that our focus and campaign. We send our prayers for the safety and well being for each of you and your families.

*The family of Corporal Dennis E. Engelhard,  
Mr. Jim and Mrs. Marge Engelhard  
Mr. Dan and Mrs. Kelly, Jacob,  
Jackson, and Jenna Engelhard*

## 'Looking Beyond the Stop'

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one felony arrest during the period of October 26, 2009 through December 27, 2009. (Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)*

### **Troop A**

Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.D. Degraffenreid, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.I. Goolsby, 1 arrest  
Sgt. D.S. Green, 4 arrests  
Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.B. McGinnis, 1 arrest  
Sgt. C.F. Scott, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.M. Toal, 1 arrest

### **Troop B**

Cpl. B.V. Holman, 1 arrest  
Sgt. R.L. Seiner, 2 arrests

### **Troop C**

Tpr. S.B. Buchheit, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.V. Garrison, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.M. Griggs, 1 arrest  
Tpr. H.H. Hoemann, 1 arrest  
Cpl. L.J. Keathley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.A. Moore, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.T. Moreland, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Oughton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.D. Phillips, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Reed, 1 arrest

### **Troop D**

Sgt. G.L. Braden, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.B. Byrnes, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.D. Carpenter, 1 arrest  
Cpl. S.W. Crouch, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.R. Dill, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.K. Funderburk, 1 arrest\*  
Chief CVO J.D. Brooks, 1 assist\*  
Cpl. T.L. Hall, 3 arrests  
Tpr. A.J. Kahler, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.C. Marlin, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.L. Mason, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.D. Murrill, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.J. Walker, 1 arrest

### **Troop E**

Sgt. M.E. Carson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.W. Emerson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.R. Gibson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.C. Jones, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Patton, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.L. Scoggins, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.S. Stewart, 3 arrests  
Tpr. R.L. Vannada, 1 arrest

### **Troop F**

Tpr. S.A. Brazas, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.J. Broniec, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.K. Talburt, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.L. West, 1 arrest

### **Troop G**

Tpr. A.D. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Pounds, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.D. Vaughan, 2 arrests

### **Troop H**

Tpr. J.M. Cross, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.P. Dudeck, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.B. Gardner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 1 arrest  
Cpl. P.M. Kimball, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Lyle, 1 arrest  
Cpl. L.M. Newman, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.A. Wilhoit, 1 arrest

### **Troop I**

Tpr. E.T. Hane, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.N. McMahon, 1 arrest

# Duvall Plays "Taps" At Arlington

*By Sgt. Collin Stosberg, Troop A*

On Thursday, November 19, 2009, Troop A Comm. Oper. II Ila R. Duvall was given the opportunity to play "Taps" at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. Operator Duvall was granted permission to wear her Class A uniform while playing at the gravesite of Secret Service Officer Leslie Coffelt. Officer Coffelt was killed in the line of duty on November 1, 1950, while protecting President Harry S. Truman, a Missouri native. Operator Duvall also played "Taps" at the Confederate Memorial that same day.

When Comm. Oper. Duvall arrived at the cemetery, she was present-

ed with an Honor Coin from Mr. John Metzler, superintendent of the Arlington National Cemetery. Comm. Oper. Duvall was given a personal tour of the cemetery, including locations that are not accessible to the general public. Comm. Oper. Duvall said it was such an honor and a dream come true to have the opportunity to tour and play "Taps" on such hallowed ground.

Her proud husband, Mr. Roger Duvall, said, "The bugler at a funeral or service is the loneliest place a person can be for a few moments in time. The bugler is the only person heard or seen, and mistakes, although not com-

mon, do happen. Ila played with her usual confident talent, but this time the location was more imposing. I can't help but think that those who have gone before were perhaps standing on the nearby hilltops and nodding with approval."

Comm. Oper. Duvall has performed as a bugler while representing the Patrol on numerous occasions. She has played for the fallen members of our department and for other departments as well as for retirees' funeral and memorial services.

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## Like A Good Neighbor ... Troop I Is There For Hunt Family

*By Sgt. Danny J. Crain, Troop I*

On March 3, 2009, Troop I Communications Operator III Taylor C. Hunt died after becoming seriously ill with leukemia a few months prior. Before being stricken with the illness, Comm. Oper. III Taylor was involved in renovating his home. Among the projects that he hoped to complete was the task of placing vinyl siding on both his residence and garage.

Under the expert guidance of Troop I Lieutenant James W. "Jim" Remillard and Sergeant Eric K. Volkmer, many from the Troop I family united to complete this as a summer and fall project. Also aiding in the exterior upgrade were members of the Casco United Methodist Church in Beaufort, MO, and officers from the Rolla Police Department, and some of their family members.



*Front row (l to r) Auto. Tech. III Bruce F. Brookshire and Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II F. Keith Mathis; back row (l to r): Lt. Bruce D. Fiske, Lt. Jim Remillard, and Lt. Steve P. Davis gave their time and talents to help the Hunt family.*

For those who were fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Comm. Oper. III Hunt, you know that he would have been the first in line to help someone else in need. It was

indeed a pleasure for those who volunteered their time to help Barb, and in doing so, have another chance to remember her husband, who will always be missed by the Troop I family.



# New Employees



Jennifer N. Bates  
DE I  
Troop A



Gregory L. Branstetter  
MVI I  
Troop C



Lesa M. Caldwell  
DE I  
Troop A



Catherine F. Chandler  
Housekeeper III  
Troop I



Robert A. Claypool  
Cook III  
Q/TND



Tina K. Gray  
DE I  
Troop A



Melissa D. Hunter  
Clerk Typist I  
Troop F



Diana J. Kempker  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/MVI



Dewayne R. Sickels  
DE I  
Troop F



Brian C. Sims  
DE I  
Troop C



Robert D. South  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. I  
Troop A



Allen J. Wright  
Auto. Tech. III  
Troop H

# Building Bridges

## Platte County Student Alliance Program Informs, Impresses

*By Sgt. Douglas J. "D.J." Hedrick, Troop A*

Several Troop A officers participated in the 4th Student Alliance Program in Platte County in October 2009. Twenty-six juniors and 11 seniors from the Northland Career Center's Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) class received certificates for completing a weeklong course presented by several members from Troop A. The CSI class is taught by Mr. Darrik Bruns, a former Cameron, MO, police officer and son of the late Corporal H.C. "Hank" Bruns (KOD 1987). This was the third year a class of Mr. Bruns was introduced to the various divisions of the Highway Patrol.

In 2006, then-Sergeant Scott E. Meyer, Troop A public information and education officer (PIEO), was instrumental in starting the first Student Alliance Program at the Platte County High School. (He is now a lieutenant assigned to Troop H.) Lt. Meyer's zeal for the students was the driving force behind the program. Many students have expressed a desire to have careers in law enforcement – including that of Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those officers who have presented programs to the students. Each year, the students request Sergeant D. Scott Nace, Q/DDCC. Sgt. Nace has an incredible talent for teaching and the students love the hands-on participation. The students learn about latent fingerprinting, blood splatters, and of course enjoy his "war stories". Sergeant Gregory Q. Billings, Corporal R. Brooks McGinnis and K-9 partner, "Puki", Troop A SWAT team member Corporal Brian E. Kelley, and Trooper Ryan J. Willhoit were all involved. Each officer took time out of their busy schedule to present an educational and interesting program, ensuring a successful Student Alliance Program.

I was assisted by Sergeant Collin M. Stosberg, current PIEO for Troop A. Sgt. Stosberg is a natural at public speaking and was able to help me with demonstrating "stop and approach" techniques. Sgt. Stosberg presented each student with a certificate of completion. Each year, the students are excited about the weeklong program.



*Tpr. Ryan J. Wilhoit (l) and Cpl. Brian E. Kelley provided a demonstration of gear used by Troop A's SWAT team.*

I feel the Student Alliance Program is beneficial in providing students valuable information and "show casing" the Missouri State Highway Patrol. I feel it is important to reach students in high school, because some of the decisions they make at this point in their lives could affect them forever. I hope to continue this program for many years to come. It will be interesting to see how many careers were started in law enforcement due to an officer's willingness



*Two students completed an "obstacle" course using the Patrol's Simulated Impaired Driving Experience go-cart (SIDNE). Pictured with them are Sgt. Collin Stosberg and Mr. Darrik Bruns (in back).*



*Cpl. R. Brooks McGinnis and his partner, K-9 Puki, spoke to the class about the K-9 program.*

ness to be approachable and to share his training and experience with young people.



# Troop E Provides Successful CAP

By Sgt. Dale H. Moreland, Troop E

Troop E hosted its annual Community Alliance Program from September 1 through October 6, 2009, at Troop E Headquarters. The 12 participants were from Butler and Wayne counties. The program was conducted on six consecutive Tuesday evenings.

The first session began with a welcome from the Troop E staff followed by a canine and drug interdiction presentation by Sergeant Richard J. Sanders, Trooper Jeremy S. Stewart, and K-9 Taz. This consisted of a classroom setting where attendees were given an overview of the Patrol's drug interdiction program. The K-9 demonstrations were interesting and somewhat entertaining at times as the participants watched the K-9 at work.

The second session concentrated on criminal investigation. Sergeants

*Pictured are Troop E's 2009 Community Alliance Program participants.*

Phil E. Gregory and J. Scott Stoeltz led this session as they walked their way through crime scenes, collected evidence, and preserved it. The presentation included all types of investigations performed by the Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control including: rape, serious assault, fraud, missing persons, motor vehicle theft, and homicides, as well as the tools used.



The third session was a firearms session. This was conducted by Sergeants Gregory G. Morgan and D. Brad Haggett, and Corporal Charles R. Colbert. This presentation included basic firearms safety, handling, and use. Certified firearms instructors provided beneficial information in the use and discharging of firearms. All participants were given the opportunity to shoot a variety of Patrol issued weapons at the indoor range.

The fourth session was a polygraph demonstration by Sergeant Scott E. Rawson. This session showed that only a certified and trained officer is capable of using and reading the polygraph. Sgt. Rawson also explained the science behind this investigative tool and demonstrated the process.

The fifth session included a PRISM shooting simulator. The local Veteran's Administration recently purchased this equipment and was kind enough to train our training officer, Cpl. Colbert, in its use. Cpl. Colbert set up the simulator in our range at Troop E, and it was a huge success with the participants. The PRISM Shooting Simulator is a computerized simulator utilizing life-like shoot/don't shoot scenarios. Each participant was given a different scenario, and seemed to thoroughly enjoy this phase of the program. Troop E Public Information and Education Officer Sergeant Dale H. Moreland demonstrated the use of the roll-over and the seat belt convincer during the times the participants were not shooting.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Elijah Scott*

Tpr. Adam S. & Mrs. Jessica L. Rice  
Troop H

*Presley Jady*

Mr. Derek S. & Comm. Oper. II Dena R. Applebury  
Troop B

*Zoey Leanne*

Tpr. Joshua R. & Mrs. Tasha L. Zach  
Troop H

*Cayley Elise*

Tpr. Clinton M. & Mrs. Jill R. Duppong  
Troop B

*Cayman Dale*

Tpr. Douglas S. & Mrs. Tena M. Christmas  
Troop H

*Grant Russell*

*Stanton Derald*  
Comm. Oper. I Leland R. "Lee" & Mrs. Mindy J. Jones  
Troop F

*Norah Rose*

Nathan E. and CIT III Amanda E. Libbert  
Q/ISD

*Kenton David*

Tpr. Robert P. and Mrs. Beth A. Dudeck  
Troop H

*Cale Joseph*

Tpr. Timothy S. and Mrs. Brandi L. Craig  
Troop C

*Cora Viola*

Mr. Jason E. and Tpr. Belinda K. Long  
Troop C

*Ava Jean Albright*

DE I Jennifer N. Bates  
Troop A

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The sixth and last session began with a meal provided by On the Go Convenience Stores from Dexter and Bloomfield, MO. Participants received a personalized certificate provided by the Public Information and Education Division. Afterward, participants were introduced to "stop and approach". All participants were given the opportunity to experience what an officer encounters on a traffic stop. A nighttime stop with flashing red and blue lights and the use of a spotlight and flash light was a complicating encounter for most.

I appreciate the efforts of all the Patrol employees, who assisted with the 2009 Troop E Community Alliance Program. I also want to recognize Lt. Michael R. Pulliam, who is always eager to help plan and coordinate the program, as well as assist with any and all phases.

## February

- February 8** • Tpr. R.W. [redacted] Harper died in 1987.
- February 12** • Lincoln's [redacted] birthday.
- February 15** • Washington's [redacted] birthday observed.
- February 16** • Cpl. H.C. [redacted] Bruns died in 1987.
- February 16** • Sgt. R.A. [redacted] Guilliams died in 2001.
- February 17** • Sgt. R.V. [redacted] Sullivan died in 1996.
- February 21** • Tpr. G.W. [redacted] Snodgrass died in 1970.

# Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

## January 1970

*40 years ago* -- The Dexter zone had two patrol cars damaged in two days by drunken drivers. Trooper Ledbetter was a passenger in both. One was struck by a drunk that had been stopped. The drunk backed into the patrol car as Cpl. Lancaster approached the vehicle. The second was struck as Tpr. Thompson attempted to stop the drunken driver.

## February 1980

*30 years ago* -- Post H-4 North contacted a trooper when a southbound truck ran the scale on U.S. Highway 275. Cpl. Kling, Tpr. R.D. Stottlemire, and Tpr. J.E. Lane set up a check and subsequently *two* trucks came into view. When stopped, it was ascertained that neither had been through the scale. The trucks were escorted back to H-4. When weighed, the two trucks were a total of 53,380 pounds overweight, and the total minimum fine totaled \$5,396. That was a lot of potatoes and corn!

## January 1990

*20 years ago* -- The Missouri Legislature was faced with a shortfall of \$10 million. A new link between cellular telephone users and the Highway Patrol's state emergency telephone hotline became effective. Motorists with cell phones could dial \*55 and be connected with the nearest troop headquarters.

## February 2000

*10 years ago* -- An article relates the story of a vehicle-deer strike where the deer was struck, went over the car, then came in through the back window and landed in a "sitting" position in the back seat! Also in this issue: A preserved K-9 Rommel became a display in the Safety Education Center.



<i>Year To Date Feb. 16, 2010</i>	<i>Same Period Last Year Year To Date</i>	<i>Number Of Increase Or Decrease</i>	<i>2008 Traffic Fatalities</i>	<i>2009 Traffic Fatalities</i>
68	113	-45	960	881

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.



# Retirement

## Telecom. Margaret A. "Mickey" Wild



On January 1, 2010, Telecommunicator Margaret "Mickey" Wild retired as an employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol after almost 22 years of service.

Margaret graduated from Missouri State Teachers College (Kirksville) in 1971, with a degree in teaching. Upon graduating, she taught school for about a year before joining the military. She went active duty in the signal corps. Her first assignment was in Weinhiem, Germany. After completing her four-year active duty obligation she decided to come back to Missouri and apply to the Patrol. However, she continued her military career as a member of the U.S. Army Reserves. (After 22 years of service, she retired as a sergeant first class with the 35<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade.)

Margaret began her career with the Patrol in 1978, as a commercial weight inspector. Her first assignment was at the old post C-4 scale house on Interstate 70, in St. Peters. As Missouri Highway 370 at I-70 finished construction, the old C-4 post was destroyed, and later rebuilt in Foristell. Before it was officially opened, the weight inspectors were moved to the old scale house on U.S. Highway 40, just west of the Daniel Boone Bridge. Margaret worked in this capacity until she de-

cided to leave the Patrol in 1985, and to move to Virginia with her husband. After her husband's death in 1988, Margaret decided to move back to Missouri to be with her family.

In 1995, the Patrol created the position of Telecommunicator, and Margaret, who could not stay away from the organization or a uniform, applied to the first telecommunicator class, and was accepted. She has worked for Troop C ever since.

While working in Troop C, Mickey has been a no nonsense inspiration to everyone with whom she comes into contact—both Patrol employees and the public in general. When she would accept incoming calls to the troop, she would say, "State your emergency." In an interview with Mickey, she stated she could never really make an impact

because she was "never in charge". However, she loved her job.

Mickey retires with thoughts of wanting to travel, read books, and to take care of her 140-pound hound dog. She stated that she has two sisters in St. Louis County and will continue to be there for them. She said that Troop C, its employees, and the Highway Patrol in general will always be in her thoughts and prayers. "I have really enjoyed my career with the Patrol, and believe it or not, will miss the public in general," she said. "If I get bored with the retired life, I will just come back as a 1,000-hour employee and really make an impact."

Everyone at Troop C wishes Margaret "Mickey" Wild all the best in her retirement. Mickey, you will be missed!

## MSHP Retirees Enjoy Gathering, Issue Invite

On December 10, 2009, 103 retired uniformed and civilian members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol came from many areas of Missouri to meet at Central United Church of Christ in Jefferson City. They gathered for fellowship and an abundant and delicious meal of turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings. Thanks to the Elenor Circle of that church, who prepared and served the wonderful meal (as they have for 13 or 14 years).

The retirees bring tasty desserts for this event. The Christmas decorations were beautiful and even the weather cooperated! Five different troops and GHQ were represented. Our senior-most member was Captain Robert Swackhamer from the Springfield area. There's always a lot of "remember whens" and stories galore as people are getting re-acquainted. Hugs and handshakes are in order, too.

The first such gathering of the retirees was a potluck meal in December 1994, in Tebbetts, MO. This was with two inches of snow on the ground. Soon it was moved to the United Church of Christ, where the facilities are great and where we have met since, under the capable direction of retired Sgt. Larry Long.

In 1996, this group also started meeting in the spring, at which time there was a fish fry with John Lewis and Louis Bounds serving as cooks. This gathering was held also at Central United Church of Christ. After the first couple of spring gatherings, a barbecue was held and presently, Don Schmitz and John Lewis are the "grillers".

The next planned event is May 20, 2010, with the meal being served at noon. The meal in the spring will cost \$7 per person and reservations are necessary. Call Larry Long at 573-896-4840 or 573-690-6002 to RSVP. All retirees (and spouses) are encouraged to come enjoy the fellowship and a great meal! You can also help with preparations, set up, and clean up for the event!

# Retiree News

## Happy Birthday, Ret. Lt. Ray Hoevelmann!

*By Sgt. Danny J. Crain, Troop I*

On November 25, 2009, retired Troop I Lieutenant Ray Hoevelmann celebrated his 92nd birthday. To help commemorate the occasion, Troop I Commanding Officer Captain Lee Ann H. Kenley, Lieutenant Steve P. Davis, Sergeant Danny J. Crain, and Trooper Brock A. Vogt, paid Ray a visit at his home in Rolla.

Ray was born in Spring Bluff, MO, and is a graduate of Washington High School. On October 24, 1937, he married Juanita Farmer and the two enjoyed nearly 72 years of marriage until her passing on May 20, 2009. The Hoevelmann's son, Dennis, and grandson, Mike, still reside in Rolla.

Ray's career with the Patrol began on December 22, 1942, when he reported to the state fairgrounds in Sedalia, MO, for training. Following graduation, Ray was assigned to Rolla, which at that time was part of Troop F. In 1953, Ray transferred to Cuba, where he remained for four years until he moved back to Rolla. A humorous note on the circumstances which led to Ray's return to Rolla in '57: According to Ray, a major, whose name he could not recall, happened to be passing through Cuba. The two were visiting and during the conversation Ray stated his wife had a good job in Rolla and disliked the daily commute. Ray said he mentioned his desire to return to Rolla and the response was almost immediate. Obviously, a transfer was a much simpler process back then.

During Ray's 35-year-career with the Patrol, he served as a road officer and criminal investigator within the Intelligence and Investigation Unit, the predecessor of the current Division of Drug and Crime Control. In 1975, Ray was promoted to the rank of lieutenant,

and was serving in that capacity when he retired on December 1, 1977.

During our visit, it was also brought up that Ray was once a very good baseball player and had tried out for the St. Louis Browns. The tryout may have not ended with a professional career, but Ray still made use of his skills as he would later enjoy coaching youth.

After dedicating 35 years to the Patrol, Ray continued to stay busy. Ray went on to work for Farm Bureau Insurance, serve six terms as a Rolla city councilman, and made sure there was time left to enjoy playing golf with his wife, Juanita. Many of us can only hope that our lives will be as full and as rewarding as Ray's has been thus far.



*(l to r) Lt. Steve Davis, Capt. Lee Ann Kenley, Ret. Lt. Ray Hoevelmann, and Tpr. Brock Vogt enjoyed a visit on Lt. Hoevelmann's 92nd birthday.*

## Annual Banquet Invitation

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at the Holiday Inn Select, Columbia, Missouri, with a social hour starting at 5:30 p.m. and the banquet at 6:30 p.m. The awards banquet is open to all employees and their guest/spouse. In the past, the fee has been \$30 per person and we anticipate the same for this year. The presentation of awards immediately follows the banquet. If you have any questions, please contact Carla Bruemmer at (573) 526-6159 or [carla.bruemmer@mshp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:carla.bruemmer@mshp.dps.mo.gov).

## In Honor Of Retiree Takes Veterans Flight To D.C.

*By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D*

I had the privilege of interviewing a World War II veteran after he had returned from an "honor flight". That veteran is former Troop D Commanding Officer Capt Robert E. Swackhamer (retired).

The Ozarks Honor Flight website (<http://www.ozarkshonorflight.com>) says: "Ozarks Honor Flight is a non-profit organization, founded in October 2009, in Springfield, MO. The founding members have assembled the talents and commitment of a group of people who share their love and respect for our veterans; dedicated people who are working to deliver on the promise of Honor Flight."

The people of Ozarks Honor Flight raise funds to take these veterans to see the memorials in Washington, D.C., at no cost to them.

Robert Swackhamer enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in Kansas City, MO, in 1937. After basic training and sea school he was assigned to the Marine detachment aboard the USS Chester (a heavy cruiser of the Louisville class). His main duty was to man the five-inch guns. He extended his enlistment because it was obvious we would soon be at war. He then transferred to a tank company.

He became a tank instructor while at Jacques Farm, CA. He started out training students to drive light tanks, before training them on the medium-sized Sherman tank.

Captain Swackhamer said that his next unit of assignment was determined by a "flip of a coin", and was Company A, 3rd Battalion with the Marine 6th Regiment.

In July 1941, as part of the 2nd Marine Division, he went to Reykjavik, Iceland, to relieve the British, who had run out the Germans. The Germans

had been there to refuel their submarines. The British left the Marines their rations of cheese and mutton.

The 6th Marine Regiment shipped out to Auckland, New Zealand, where they continued their training for the invasion of Bougainville. To his surprise he was ordered to Quantico, VA, to attend officer candidate school.

His first assignment as a second lieutenant was with the 5th Marine Division as a tank maintenance officer at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA. The 5th Tank Battalion was transferred to Camp Tarawa in Hawaii. While at Camp Tarawa, 2nd Lt. Swackhamer trained extensively in preparation for deployment to parts unknown. In fact, they deployed and were at sea a few days before the envelope was opened that revealed their destination--Iwo Jima.

Weather conditions around Iwo Jima on D-day morning, 19 February 1945, were almost ideal. At 0645 Admiral Turner signaled, "Land the landing force!" They landed on February 19, 1945, with a cadre of 18 tanks. Twelve of them became disabled, so they worked day and night and got all but two of them back in operation. 2nd Lt. Swackhamer knew of a disabled tank on the north side. It needed a hydraulic cylinder, so he cannibalized another tank to fix the bulldozer tank.

While he was trying to fix the track on another disabled tank, a Japanese soldier fired at him hitting the turret of the tank. As long as he stayed below the level of the turret, he was ok. The USMC (United States Marine Corps) used the Sherman M4A3R3 tank at the Battle of Iwo Jima. One of those tanks came along while 2nd Lt. Swackhamer was fixing this tank. He pointed in the direction of the sniper



*Ret. Capt. Robert Swackhamer is now 94 years young and lives in the Springfield area.*

and the flamethrower spewed out a long spray of fire. Shortly afterward, the sniper threw his weapon out in surrender.

Another time while on the island, 2nd Lt. Swackhamer was guiding a tank through a supposedly cleared mine field, and suddenly there was an explosion that literally lifted the tank off the ground. Then, it settled back down as quickly as it had risen. The concussion flipped him backward off his feet. Apparently, they had missed one.

2nd Lt. Swackhamer received the Bronze Star for his service at the Battle of Iwo Jima.

The honor flight he took was attended by Senator Christopher S. "Kit" Bond. KY-3 television commentator Steve Grant also helped with the flight. This was the first flight to leave from the Springfield, MO, area. While on the plane, they had an old fashioned "mail call". Each veteran received letters from school kids from the Southwest Missouri area. Retired Capt. Swackhamer said that he and other honor flight attendees visited several memorials, including the Iwo Jima memorial.



# TROOP H HOSTS UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE PROGRAM

*By Sgt. Sheldon A. Lyon, Troop H*

On September 29, 2009, Troop H began hosting its second University Alliance Program. The class was made up of Missouri Western State University students who are majoring in criminal justice. A total of 16 students participated in the program. The goal of the program was twofold. The first goal was to familiarize the students with the Missouri State Highway Patrol and its mission. The second is to use the program as a recruiting tool to reach potential employees.

Each week, the students were offered hands-on programs designed to involve each person with an experience. At the end of the five-week program, none of the students wanted it to be over. This program has demonstrated value for the Patrol in reaching its mission to protect the citizens with quality employees.



*Students at the Missouri Western State University participating in the University Alliance Program are shown with Sgt. Sheldon Lyon.*

## Graduated Driver License Video Available

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has released a new video about Missouri's Graduated Driver License law. Produced by the Patrol's Training Division in conjunction with the Department of Revenue, this video is aimed at teenagers and their parents. It is available for schools to use on their in-house cable systems, during their driver's education courses, and through the Internet via the Missouri State Highway Patrol [[www.msdp.dps.mo.gov](http://www.msdp.dps.mo.gov)], Missouri Department of Revenue [[www.dor.mo.gov](http://www.dor.mo.gov)], and Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety [[savemolives.com](http://savemolives.com)] web sites. In addition, the video may be viewed in the waiting room of Missouri's 20 busiest driver examination stations.

"It is hoped this video will help explain the provisions of Missouri's Graduated Driver License law. I believe this law has helped to reduce the numbers of young drivers killed and injured in Missouri," said Colonel James F. Keathley. "I want to thank the Missouri Department of Revenue for their assistance with the project, and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) for providing the grant monies needed to complete this project. This law, coupled with education and enforcement, can continue to save lives."

## Mason Named Traditional Joint Chief Of Staff

*By Unit Public Affairs Representative Silas Allen  
Missouri National Guard*

Col. Gregory Mason has been named the Missouri National Guard's traditional joint chief of staff. Before stepping into the position, Mason was promoted from the rank of lieutenant colonel to colonel at a ceremony at Ike Skelton Training Site on October 23. Col. Mason will serve in the role of chief of staff on drill weekends.

Col. Mason said he was honored to be named to the position, and said he hopes to continue the same level of effective joint operation between the Missouri Army and Air National Guard, and to serve the adjutant general and governor.

Brig. Gen. Stephen Danner, the adjutant general of the Missouri National Guard, said he had high expectations for Mason as he steps into his new role.

"I'm going to place a heavy burden on [Col.] Mason's shoulders," Danner said.

Col. Mason has 34 years of military service, including 14 years with the Missouri National Guard. In civilian life, Col. Mason served nearly 30 years with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, retiring at the rank of lieutenant.

*[Editor's note: Congratulations retired Lt. Mason! Your Patrol family is proud of your continued service to the citizens of this great state.]*

# Troop I Holds 5th CAP

*By Sgt. Dan Crain, Troop I*

Troop I completed its 5th Community Alliance Program on October 20, 2009. The program was conducted at Troop I Headquarters and consisted of five, three-hour training sessions held on consecutive Tuesday evenings during the months of September and October. Participants received classroom and practical instruction on various topics such as firearms, stopping and approaching vehicles, traffic crash investigations, criminal investigations, and driving while intoxicated enforcement.

Upon their completion of the academy, Captain Lee Ann H. Kenley, commanding officer of Troop I, presented each citizen with a plaque as a memento of their efforts and willingness to participate in this program. A dinner was provided at Troop I for the participants and their spouses on the final evening to help celebrate the occasion.



*Pictured are those individuals who took part in the 2009 Troop I Community Alliance Program: Front row (l to r): Gary Sheets, Lebanon; John Denbo, Rolla; Shannon Keshywanis, and Gail Gilbert, Linn Creek. Second row (l to r): Dr. Dan Brown, Rolla; Bill Jenks, Rolla; Don Anderson, Lebanon; Dan Smith, St. James; and Jeff Stokes, Lebanon. Third row (l to r): Keith Inman, Salem; Darrell Skiles, Salem; Justin Brown, Rolla; and Shaun Streeter, Crocker. Back row (l to r): John Beger, Rolla; and Richard Hughes, Sullivan.*

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## Regional Safety Council Recognizes Benson, Croft



*On Thursday, December 17, 2009, Corporal Nathan C. "Nate" Benson and Trooper Travis S. Croft were presented with plaques by Lt. James Mundel, of the St. Louis County Police Department and board member of the St. Louis Regional Traffic Safety Council. Cpl. Benson was honored as a Traffic Safety Officer Of The Year and DWI Enforcement Officer Of The Year. Tpr. Croft was honored as a Seat Belt/Child Restraint Officer Of The Year. The award ceremony was held at the Creve Coeur Police Department. Congratulations to Cpl. Benson and Tpr. Croft! Keep up the good work!*



# Congratulations!

## Farley & Stokes Earn MBAs



*Personnel Analyst II Amanda L. Farley and Personnel Analyst II Elizabeth S. (Liz) Stokes have spent the past two years traveling from Jefferson City to Columbia twice a week to attend evening classes at Columbia College. Their long drives and dedication has paid off! On December 19, 2009, each of them was awarded a master's of business administration (MBA) from Columbia College. The Human Resources Division is very proud of their accomplishment and appreciates their work ethic and professionalism. The benefits of their advanced education are evident in how they perform their duties.*

## Accion de Gracias, Ziua Recunostintei, Thanksgiving

*By MVI III Charles G. McMillan,  
Troop D*

Regardless of what language we use, we all have a reason to be thankful.

Troop D Commanding Officer Captain Juan O. Villanueva and his staff provided breakfast for all who came to work and brought with them a non-perishable food item. The food items were presented to the Ozark Food Harvest. The breakfast, which occurred November 25, 2009, included pancakes, little sausages, fresh fruit, and orange juice.



*This breakfast plate was a yummy thank you from Troop D staff to employees.*

## Everything's Coming Up Daisies!

*On Monday, November 16, 2009, Troop C was treated to a visit by Daisy Troop 433! Troop 433 was able to take a tour of Troop C, visit with radio operators in the communication room, and spend time with Captain Ronald S. Johnson. The highlight of their tour was when Capt. Johnson presented their troop with a Missouri State Highway Patrol "coin". Pictured with the daisies are Sgt. Al P. Nothum (l) and Capt. Ronald S. Johnson (r).*



# Deaths

## Jane D. Monley



Jane D. Monley, 84, of Independence, MO, died Friday, October 16, 2009, at the home. The funeral mass was held on Sunday, November 22, at the Nativity of Mary Catholic Church. The mass was followed by a "celebration of life".

Jane was born on May 16, 1925, in Albia, Iowa. She was a member of the Nativity of Mary Catholic Church for more than 50 years. She was employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 23 years, retiring September 1, 1990. She served as a driver examination clerk at the Raytown DE Station throughout her career.

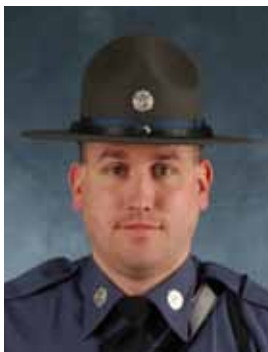
Jane was preceded in death by her first husband, John K. Eimer, in 1963. She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Lou Monley; three sons: John (and wife, Barb) Eimer, Vincent Eimer, and Kevin (and wife, Bev) Eimer; four stepsons: Stuart Monley, Michael Monley, Donald (and wife, Sherri) Monley, and Chris Monley; two daughters: Linda (and husband, Alan) Fishel, and Debbie (and husband, Jerry) Page; one stepdaughter: Maureen (and husband, Gerard) Coday; one brother: Raymond Watkins; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Eimer/Monley families.

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## Anthony A. "Tony" O'Brien



Anthony A. "Tony" O'Brien, 34, of Canton, MO, died Thursday, November 26, 2009, at his home. He was born June 16, 1975, in Memphis, MO, the son of Dennis and Bonnie (Shuman) O'Brien.

Tony married Paula (Ellison) and to this union two children, Keelie and Mackenzie, were born. He later married Sarah (May) and they were the parents of Cameron.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah O'Brien, of Canton, MO; his children, Keelie, Mackenzie, and Cameron O'Brien, all of Canton, MO; a sister, Denise O'Brien, of Naperville, IL; parents, Dennis and Bonnie O'Brien, of Luray, MO; in-laws, Debbie and Marty Sommers, of Williamstown, MO, and Gene and Kristi May, of Camp Point, IL; grandparents, Mary O'Brien, of Arbela, MO, and John and Willa Shuman, of Kahoka, MO; aunts and uncles, Jean and Terry Oberman, of Kahoka, MO, Nancy and Mark Holt, of Memphis, MO, Belinda and Donny Kellerman, of O'Fallon, MO, Wayne and Jenna Shuman, Judy Wood, and Larry Shuman and his fiancé, Dianne Verdught, all of Wayland, MO, and Charlie and Kim Shuman, of Kahoka; and great-aunts and great-uncles; cousins; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Richard O'Brien.

Tony was a 1993 graduate of Clark County R-1 High School. He served in the U.S. Marines Corps until his discharge in March 1997. He graduated from the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy as a member of the 78<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class, and served in Troop B, Zone 7, Lewis and Knox counties.

He enjoyed hunting, sports, and his friends. More than anything, he was a loving and caring father.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at Wilson Funeral Home in Kahoka, with Revs. Tim Smith and Beryl Cragg officiating. Mrs. Judy Pitford was pianist. Honorary pallbearers were Tommy Oberman and members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's 78<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class. Pallbearers were Major J. Bret Johnson, Sergeant Michael E. Kauth, Sergeant Jeffery C. Creech, Corporal Nathan J. Shinkle, Trooper Chad W. Walton, and, Trooper Craig W. Reichert, all assigned to Troop B. Burial with full military honors followed in the Kahoka Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the O'Brien Children's Fund.

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# March

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| <b>March 2</b>  | • <b>Tpr. J.M. Froemsdorf</b> died in 1985. |
| <b>March 14</b> | • <b>Central Daylight Time</b> begins 0200. |
| <b>March 20</b> | • <b>Sgt. C.D. Graham Jr.</b> died in 2005. |

# Deaths

## Glenn D. "David" Hughes



Glenn D. "David" Hughes, 59, of Higginsville, MO, died Nov. 30, 2009, at the Lexington Care Center. He was born Dec. 21, 1949, in Wood River, IL, the son of Glenn and Eva (Melton) Hughes.

David graduated from Lawson High School in 1968. He joined the Air Force in 1968, and served until his honorable discharge in 1976. David was a member of the American Legion Post #223.

David joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a member of the 50th Recruit Class. He graduated from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy in 1979. His first assignment was to Troop A, Lafayette County, and he settled in Higginsville. David worked Interstate 70 for 18 years, then joined the Gaming Division. He was stationed at three casinos in the Kansas City area: Sam's Town, Stations, and Harrah's. He retired on January 1, 2003.

He married Mary (Krause) McKinney on March 27, 1982, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. She survives. Additional survivors include his mother and step-father, Eva and Vernon Howell, of Excelsior Springs, MO; a stepson, Matthew McKinney, of Surprise, AZ; a daughter, Gina Reuscher, of Kansas City; and two stepbrothers, Jim Howell, of Excelsior Springs, and Dennis Howell, of Kansas.

David was preceded in death by an infant son in 1975, his father in 1982, and a brother, Douglas, in 1993.

A visitation was held on Thursday, December 3, 2009, at Kaiser-Wiegers Funeral Home in Higginsville. The funeral service occurred on Friday, December 4, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, and was officiated by Pastor Marcus Jauss. Casket bearers were David's nephews: Evan, John, Scott, Troy, and Chad Krause. Honorary casket bearers included Ray Don Paul, Dave Decker, Fred McNeely, Ron Wood, Bob Plymell, and Jim Wells. Burial took place in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville.

The family suggests memorials to the church or H.O.R.S.E. in lieu of flowers. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at: Kaiser-Wiegers@ctcis.net.

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## Cpl. Dennis E. Engelhard



Missouri State Highway Patrol Corporal Dennis Edward Engelhard, 49, of Robertsville, MO, was struck and killed Friday, December 25, 2009, while working a traffic crash on Interstate 44 east of Eureka, MO, near St. Louis.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30, 2009, at the

Park Baptist Church Fellowship Building in Brookfield. Pastor David Blakely and Dr. Michael Parris officiated. Visitation was held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 29, 2009, at Wright-Baker-Hill Funeral Home, Brookfield, with family receiving friends from 4 - 7 p.m.

Memorials to The MASTERS (Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society) or Christ Church Cathedral may be mailed to Wright-Baker-Hill Funeral Home, P.O. Box 496, Brookfield, Mo. 64628.

Dennis was born November 24, 1960, in Brookfield, a son of Jim and Marge (O'Dell) Engelhard. He was a graduate of Kirksville High School and had attended Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University), in Kirksville, and Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar. He had worked as a paramedic in Kirksville and Springfield, and had worked as a flight paramedic for Cox Air Care in Springfield. He began his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1999.

Dennis was a member of the Park Baptist Church, Brookfield, the Fellowship Baptist Church, Kirksville, and currently was a member of Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis.

Survivors include his parents, Jim and Marge Engelhard, of Excelsior Springs, MO; one brother, Dan Engelhard and his wife, Kelly, of Oak Grove; Dan and Kelly's children, Jenna, Jacob, and Jackson; three aunts, Carol Kearns and her husband, Junior, of Brookfield, Frances Smart and husband, Donald, of San Diego, CA, and Bernice Engelhard, of Marceline; and many loving relatives.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Elgin and Mabel Engelhard, and John and Ola O'Dell.

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# Deaths

## Walter E. “Woody” Aytes



Walter Elwood “Woody” Aytes of Cuba, MO, was born in Owensville, MO, on Wednesday, May 20, 1936, to Alva R. and Violet (Carwile) Aytes and died on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, in Rolla, MO, at the age of 73.

On September 1, 1957, he was united in marriage to Rosella Mae Bock, and to this union two children were born.

Woody worked as a meat cutter for Grannemann's IGA in Owensville, MO, until 1962. During this time he also served for two years in the Missouri Air National Guard. On April 1, 1962, he was appointed to the 25th Recruit Class of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He attended the Patrol's Academy in Rolla. Woody retired on September 1, 1991, after 29 years of service to the citizens of Missouri. He was a leader and a mentor to many troopers and other law enforcement officers in the area.

He enjoyed traveling and camping, was an avid hunter and fisherman, and enjoyed working in the outdoors. He was a member of the Cuba United Methodist Church. He was a past master of the Cuba Masonic Lodge and served as grand representative to the state of West Virginia. He was a member of 32 degree KCCH Scottish Rite body and Moolah Shrine, St. Louis, MO. Woody was awarded the Honorary Demolay Legion of Honor. For several years, he served on the board for Walker Scottish Rite Language Dis-

order Clinic and also served as a past patron for the Order of Eastern Star. Woody was a member and past president of the Cuba Kiwanis Club. He was a member of The MASTERS (Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society), and served as a vice president on the executive board of the Missouri State Troopers Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alva and Violet Aytes; son, Jeffrey Aytes; brother-in-law, Eldon “Bud” Bock; and sister-in-law, Verna Breece.

He is survived by his wife, Rosella (Bock) Aytes, of the home; daughter, Karen Sue Moreland; two grandsons,

Shannon and Ryan Moreland, both of Cuba, MO; one brother, Glenwood (and his wife, Betty) Aytes, of Owensville; sisters-in-law, Elenora (and husband, Bill) Hart and Mary Bock, all of Owensville; other relatives; and friends.

A Masonic Service was held on December 3, 2009, at Hutson Funeral Home, Cuba. His funeral was held on December 4, 2009, at Cuba United Methodist Church with Rev. Paul Latham and Rev. Bob Knight officiating. Hutson Funeral Home in Cuba handled the arrangements.

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## My Eulogy To Woody Aytes

**By Mrs. Vada Terrell**

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Class of 1962 is the only class--that I know of--that holds a reunion every year. These began when the class members had been on active duty for 25 years--in 1987. They played golf and visited, the women shopped, and everybody enjoyed themselves so much, they decided to have another one in five more years. During those five years, there were several health issues, and one of their classmates passed away, so they decided to hold their reunions every year. They decided that a volunteer would make arrangements and that's where they would go each year. We have been all over the state in the last 17 years.

The men all knew each other; had either been assigned together or had special assignments with each other. Their paths had crossed many times through the years. The women, however, did not know each other. It was wonderful how we all came to know one another, and how we became the support group for this “band of brothers”.

Woody was a gentleman ... a gentle man. I liked his smile, the sound of his voice, and his love for Rosella. How lucky she was to have that kind of love for 53 years of her life! How lucky Suzy and her sons were to have his love! He fought a long, hard battle to live, and I know it was because he didn't want to leave them.

We are having a reunion right now of a sort at his funeral except there will be no shows, no tours, and Woody won't be taking me to a Pawn Shop. A reunion means “going home”--a gathering of family, loved ones, and friends. He was blessed with a world of friends. That is evident. In turn, we were blessed to have his friendship.

Our last recruit class reunion was in September. Woody was there. He was fragile and wasn't able to be with us all the time. When it came time for everybody to go home, we dreaded having to say “good bye” to him.

So, I said, “I love you, Woody. Take care of yourself.”

He said, “I'll see you next year.”

Well, I won't see him next year, but all I'll have to do is pull him up out of my heart and say, “Hey, Woody.”

# ~ Thank You ~

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and calls of support during the recent death of my mother.

*Ret. Sgt. James A. Knipmeyer*

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My family and I would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers received after the death of my father, Charles "Lee" Harrison. Your thoughtfulness during this difficult time was truly appreciated.

*Clerk Typist III Cherie D. Garfield  
Troop A*

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Thanks so much to all of you who called, visited, sent a card or flowers, etc. after the death of my father in a traffic crash. My mother, family, and I appreciate the support shown by all of you. Thanks again, Sgt. J.J. Ronney, for your assistance and comfort to my father during his last hour.

*Sgt. Michael W. "Mike" Rogers,  
Q/DDCC*

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I would like to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, cards, and flowers following the death of my father. I'd especially like to thank those mem-

bers of the Patrol family who attended the visitation and funeral. My mother and siblings truly were impressed by the strong support. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

*Sincerely,  
Capt. Timothy P. "Tim" McGrail,  
Q/CJISD, and family*

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I'd like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and memorials after the death of my father-in-law, Johnny Beretta. My family expressed to me several times how nice it was for the Patrol to think of us during this sad time. Such kind deeds made such a huge impact. Thank you!

*Thank you and God bless,  
DE III Virginia Beretta, Troop A*

## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

Clerk Typist III Cherie D. Garfield (A) - stepfather  
Chief Oper. Vinita K. Williams (G) - father  
Cpl. James E. Thuss (A) - grandmother  
CVO Sprv. II Harold D. Crowley (A) - father-in-law  
Ret. Sgt. Robert W. Brown - wife  
Cpl. Andrew L. Bryan (B) - brother  
Tpr. Kyle A. Green (F) - grandmother  
Capt. Timothy P. McGrail (Q/CJIS) - father  
Qual. Control Clerk II Adrean J. Smart (Q/TFD) - grandfather-in-law  
Ret. Clerk IV Vina K. Harris - father  
Buyer II Lola J. Parris (Q/BPD) - mother-in-law  
Ret. Cpl. Thomas E. Burger - stepson  
Ret. Sgt. James E. Bacon - wife  
Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Janet S. Kudlack (I) - sister  
Ret. Sgt. Michael W. Rogers (D) - father  
DE I Shirley R. Gentry (E) - mother  
Comp. Oper. II John B. Beaton (E) -

grandmother-in-law  
Ret. Sgt. Harold "Bud" Munsell - sister-in-law  
Tpr. Mark L. Starmer (H) - grandfather  
Asst. Chief Oper. Christopher S. Crawford (I) - mother  
Sgt. Reginald M. Walker (E) - grandfather  
Trooper Richard A. Walker (E) - grandfather  
Cpl. Marcus A. Reynolds (F) - grandmother-in-law  
DE II Kristen S. Reynolds (F) - grandmother  
CVO II Randy E. Fain (C) - mother  
Tpr. James C. Acree (H) - great-grandmother  
Telecom. Lisa L. Bird (A) - step-mother  
Tpr. Derek K. Sullivan (F) - father-in-law  
Sgt. Andy J. Ley (Q/GD) - mother  
Ret. Sgt. George T. Sims - brother  
Sgt. William S. Sims (H) - uncle  
Cpl. Thomas G. Sims (A) - uncle

## HRD Converting Personnel Files

The Human Resources Division is scanning all employee master files into an electronic format. The project will take over a year to complete. Since employee files will be stored electronically, no paper copy will exist. Once an employee's file is scanned, any original documents (birth certificate, photos, transcripts, etc.) will be forwarded to the employee in envelopes marked "confidential". Employees retiring January 1, 2010 or later will no longer be offered their paper personnel file, due to this change to an electronic format.

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# 2010 MOSTA Crappie Tournament

**Saturday, May 8, 2010**

7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Truman State Park Marina, Truman Lake, Warsaw, MO**

(On Missouri Route UU North From Missouri Highway 7)

**Biggest Crappie Contest** — Winner awarded \$150 and trophy.

**ENTRY FEE** — \$70 PER BOAT ENTRY (Your entry fee of \$70 includes Biggest Crappie Contest.) Limit: Two Fishermen Per Boat. Tournament is open to all fishermen, as long as at least one team member in the boat is employed by a criminal justice agency in any capacity (includes retirees and active reserve members).

**FAMILY PICNIC** will be held at the Truman State Park Shelter House at 4:30 p.m. following the tournament.

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